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THIS WEEK

HU'S SOUTH AFRICA DAY

CELEBRATION OF FREEDOM: Political leaders visited the campus to speak of South Africa's first free elections. Mayor Kelly and Jesse Jackson were among the guests. **INTERNATIONAL, A9**

SUGAR HILL A 'SWEET' MOVIE



EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH WESLEY SNIPES: The HILLTOP asks the movie's star about this Harlem based film that deals with the sensitive and glamorous side to the drug trade. **TEMPO, B1**

BISON BASKETBALL

MEN AND WOMEN DEFEAT THE RATLERS: Both teams defeat Florida A & M University in exciting exchanges Monday night. **SPORTS, B7**

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Miss Black USA pageant winner a Howard student

By Traci N. James
Hilltop Staff Writer

Growing up poor and witnessing first-hand how drugs and violence can destroy families and communities, Deya Smith was determined not to fall victim to the self-destructive behavior found so often in inner-cities.

Through sheer determination and unyielding faith in God, Smith not only overcame obstacles placed in her path, but also surpassed everyone's expectations. While growing up in Hartford, Conn., no one would have guessed that poor little Deya Smith would one day reign as Miss Black USA.

"No one expected me to do well. I did not have a support system that said you're going to make it until I met the Lord," the former Miss Connecticut said.

Smith captured the title Sunday evening at the J.W. Marriott after two days of preliminary rounds that whittled the competition down to 12 finalists.

Two male escorts carried Ebony Warren, the 1993 Miss Black USA, to the stage as "I'm Every Woman" by Whitney Houston blared from the sound system. She gyrated to the beat as 22 contestants, dressed in sparkling after-five evening wear, lined the stage.

As they worried about whether or not they would be among the 12 finalists, the contestants flawlessly performed the choreographed opening number.

Before everyone burst from anticipation, the mistress of ceremonies announced the finalists. Howard University was well represented among the finalists. Miss Connecticut, Smith; Miss Georgia, Depelsha Thomas; and Miss Texas, Vernesa Smith stood on stage and attempted to quell the butterflies fluttering in their stomachs.

According to the director of marketing and promotions, Karen Airington, the 5-year-old Miss Black USA Pageant is not a beauty pageant, but rather a scholarship pageant in which young women have an opportunity to display their intellect. Many contestants were pleased that pageant officials replaced the typical swimsuit segment with a creative expression showcase.

"I was attracted to this pageant because it advocated scholarship," Smith said.

As the winner, Smith will receive a \$5,000 scholarship, a one carat diamond ring and trips to South Africa

and Brazil. She will also travel throughout the country on personal speaking engagements, where she hopes to enlighten people about the AIDS crisis.

The next year will be hectic for Smith, but she expects to continue to do well academically.

"I'm going to have to buckle down to a stringent schedule and apply myself diligently to maintain my 'B' average," Smith said.

Although they did not bring home the crown, Vernesa Smith placed as the 2nd runner-up and Thomas won an academic achievement award for her 4.0 grade point average. She will also receive a fur coat from the pageant.

Scholarship was not the only aspect of the pageant that attracted the contestants.

"Anything that celebrates femininity and womanhood I want to be a part of because I like being a woman. I was also impressed with the caliber of women the pageant attracted," Thomas said.

Vernesa Smith also believes her participation in the competition allowed her to bond with exceptional women.

"I entered for scholarship money and also to meet women with common interests, who were interested in



1994 Miss Black USA Deya Smith

Photo by Samuel D. McCoy

promoting black women's issues," she said.

There was never any doubt in the mind of Jeff Donaldson, dean of the College of Fine Arts, that Deya Smith would represent Howard well.

"I fully anticipated her doing well because she has been an outstanding exponent to the College of Fine Arts. She has come a long way in four years," he said.



Reginald X steps to the mike at the second speakout.

Candidates say unity and voice are priorities

By Derricke M. Dennis
Hilltop Staff Writer

From the international student surcharge to the shuttle bus system to improvements in financial aid operations - student government election candidates agree that voicing student concerns can only improve Howard University.

And Wednesday night, before a crowd of more than 300, political hopefuls complemented and overlapped one another's platforms at the second general elections speak out.

Undergraduate Trustee candidate Omar Karim, said the voicing of student issues is imperative to the success of his "Five I Plan."

"We as students must have a voice on the issues and policies that are being discussed by the administration," he said. "Having our voices heard on instituting new financial and registration processes, increasing alumni support, impelling efforts to better residence life, improving Undergraduate Trustee accessibility and implementing a community outreach curriculum is the only way we can insure that our interests are addressed, not overlooked," Karim said.

HUSA Candidates Chidiadi Akoma and Shaconda Walker agreed with the echoing chant: "the student must be heard." They called for a coalescence of collegiate enhancement, student empowerment as well as community and social development as the tools to make Howard the "mecca" it is said to be.

"We are supposed to be at the Mecca and look what the mecca is giving us," Akoma said as he addressed the shuttle bus issue.

"We have run-down shuttle buses and University administrators giving us the garbage talk about them. What we need to do is go down to Residence life hundreds deep and get what we deserve and what our tuition is paying for - decent shuttle buses."

Opposing HUSA candidate Nneka McDougald, who is running with HUSA presidential candidate Reginald X, said the shuttle bus company's service to the University is inconsistent with other services it provides.

"Capital Entertainment Services is not some small time, black-owned tour company," McDougald said. "The buses they have in their lot for touring D.C. look like heaven compared to the buses we ride between campus and Meridian or Sutton Plaza."

Undergraduate Trustee candidate John Barnes and his "Genesis Initiative" called for a "rebirth" of the way students are serviced at Howard University. One of the areas he highlighted for improvement during the speak out was the financial aid office.

"The financial aid office needs more computers and a better database in order to efficiently process students' paperwork," Barnes said. "This will insure a nice, smooth transition for students to get in, get validated and take care of business."

In addition to improving financial aid and other student services, Barnes' platform calls for improvements in University facilities; increasing alumni support and accessibility to the Undergraduate Trustee as well as removing the international student surcharge.

Undergraduate Trustee can-

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"I had to make my own living and my own opportunity...don't sit down and wait for the opportunities to come; you have to get up and make them."
--Madame C.J. Walker, 1914



THE HILLTOP CELEBRATES

Blacks In Science

FOR BLACK HISTORY MONTH

This week The HILLTOP is proud to salute the men and women of African descent who have made significant contributions to the fields of science and technology.

Contrary to popular belief, our sisters and brothers have invented more than peanut products and cotton gins. Items and ideas that are integral to everyday life can be attributed to our race.

Continued excellence and entrepreneurship in technological fields is one of the keys to economic empowerment for African Americans in the century to come. This HILLTOP salute to science and technology will give insight into our creative past and provide an incentive to invent and discover a brighter future.

Suspended Nation of Islam leader to speak at Howard

By Mandinema R. Kumbula
Hilltop Staff Writer

The controversial Nation of Islam leader who was temporarily relieved of his duties as national assistant to Minister Louis Farrakhan will bring his fiery words to Howard University Wednesday, Feb. 23, at 6:30 p.m. in the Armour J. Blackburn University Center Ballroom.

After making allegedly unfavorable comments about the role of Jewish people in the black community, Khalid Abdul Muhammad was verbally denounced by the United States Senate and the Congressional Black Caucus.

Film Production major Karla Fedlam said the whole issue was a question of infringing upon one's Constitutional rights.

"By being punished for his views, the whole matter of freedom of speech is once again violated," Sophomore Fedlam said.

Muhammad called Jews "bloodsuckers of the

black nation," and he said they control the news media, the government and some black activists.

According to Malik Zulu Shabazz, the sponsor of Muhammad's free Black History Month lecture, the purpose of Muhammad's speech is to continue his mission of telling the truth and inspiring the masses of black people.

Shabazz also said Muhammad intends to demonstrate that he has remained undaunted by media coverage that has labeled him a hate monger and an anti-Semite.

Muhammad has spoken on Howard's campus several times without attracting media criticism. And Shabazz said this latest outrage is a direct attack on Farrakhan by his enemies, namely the Jewish community.

Shabazz hopes to show that Muhammad is loved and supported by the Howard community and the citizens of Washington, D.C. Since Muhammad calls himself a mouthpiece for the hurt and pain of black people, he is not expected to tone down

his speech.

Third year law student Anthony Harmon believes Muhammad should be able to speak wherever people wish to hear his message.

"Suppressing him would lead to the suppression of all African-American views of society," Harmon, a Los Angeles native, said.

Shabazz said he is disappointed by the reaction of black mainstream leaders to Muhammad's attempts to speak out on behalf of his people, but said the recent media attention has only helped the activist spread his message.

"I respect and understand Minister Farrakhan's approach. And the entire controversy is working out in Dr. Khalid Muhammad's favor. It is unique for the enemies of black people to expose [Muhammad] to the masses because they will only become more attracted to Dr. Muhammad," Shabazz said.

Meet the Candidates section inside!!!

CAMPUS

Omar Karim exonerated of campaign violations

General assembly rules in favor of undergraduate trustee candidate for alleged Hilltopic violations

By Derricke M. Dennis
Hilltop Staff Writer

The Howard University General Assembly overruled the findings of its own Grievance Committee last week to clear Undergraduate Trustee Candidate Omar Karim of campaign violations charges.

In a 17-to-7 vote, General Assembly members decided to relieve Karim from charges stemming from the publication of several campaign related Hilltopics in the Feb. 4 issue of The HILLTOP. The advertisements were allegedly submitted for publication by Karim before the official start of campaigning.

Karim called the charges unfounded and commended the General Assembly for overruling the Grievance Committee's findings.

"There was no evidence that I

nor any members of my campaign committee submitted those Hilltopics for publication," Karim said. "If they did, I would consider that a violation myself."

But while Elections Chairperson Memone Paden agreed that there was no definite link between Karim and the Hilltopics, she said they were all put in by organizations Karim is affiliated with, and they all mentioned "Movement," his campaign slogan.

"We couldn't prove that he actually put the Hilltopics in," Paden admitted. "But the evidence shows that one of his supporters did submit one or all of those Hilltopics."

One of those Hilltopics read: "The Drew Hall Dorm Council Believes in the Movement." But Sunkanni Esho, who is president of the Drew dorm council where Karim works as a resident assistant, said the dorm council

was not responsible for the Hilltopic.

"Neither I nor any of the members of the dorm council had anything to do with that Hilltopic," Esho said. "We were all surprised to see it in the paper, but we can't say Omar submitted it."

Regardless of who submitted the Hilltopics, elections officials said the following General Assembly Elections Guidelines hold candidates equally responsible for the actions of their supporters: "Rule infractions by a candidate and/or his/her supporter(s) may result in that person(s) being brought forth in a hearing before the General Assembly Elections Grievance Committee... [which]... has the authority to choose penalties."

But Karim said there was no infraction. He points to bias among student government officials against him as the cause

for the charges.

However Grievance Committee officials said they made their decision based solely on the infraction of this and other guidelines violations, not bias.

"The issue here is that campaigning occurred prior to the official verification of candidates. We couldn't prove anything else, so we didn't address it," Grievance Committee member Tyrone Johnson said. "I resent the fact that Mr. Karim thinks we were biased in our decision. If that were the case, we would have voted against him right away instead of deliberating for three days on the matter," Johnson added.

John Barnes, also an undergraduate trustee candidate, brought forth the original contestation against Karim for the campaign violations. Barnes said Karim got an unfair advantage over him and the other trustee candidate, Oronde Miller.

"It was really unfair. If he doesn't abide by guidelines now as a candidate, I wonder if he will if he is elected as an undergraduate trustee," Barnes said. "And if the students do elect him, it will definitely set a bad standard for inadequate student leadership on the Board of Trustees."

General Assembly member Timika Lane said Karim should have been held responsible if the rules had been applied instead of overruled.

"Omar is liable for those Hilltopics. The Elections Committee waited, got documentation and then referred it to the Grievance Committee," Lane said. "There was no bias."

Campus Pals President Lawanda Blanchard agreed and expressed disappointment in members of the General Assembly who voted to release Karim of the charges without

penalty.

"I thought this was going to be a year of change in the student government at Howard University operates," Blanchard said. "But if we were not serious about making changes, then we would have enforced these guidelines and Omar responsible."

However elections officials said the decision means more than overruling the Grievance Committee; it sets a precedent.

"This decision sets a serious precedent. It says a candidate is tight with members of the General Assembly, they can get away with anything," Paden said. "When the General Assembly overruled the Grievance Committee's findings, they took the decision-making power out of the hands of unbiased and independent committee."

Students tolerate shuttle bus inconveniences

By Aliya Davis
Hilltop Staff Writer

You have rushed through your morning routine in order to catch the shuttle bus. You make it to the stop with time to spare. Unfortunately, you are still slapped in the face with exhaust fumes because it is already full and you will have to wait at least 30 minutes before the next bus comes.

Many students living in off-campus housing have had to deal with this scenario at least once this semester because they are dependent on the shuttle bus service to transport them from the campus to the dormitories.

"The bus always passes people at Eton and it leaves Sutton early.

Everyone can't get on it and people get left," said Dawanda Bracey, a Sutton resident. "I have put in several complaints and they are not doing anything."

Reverend James Coleman, assistant for special programs, is the liaison between the students and the shuttle bus company. He said he has only received approximately 10 complaints this semester. Few of those complaints were concerning overcrowded buses.

Coleman said his office, located in the Tubman Quadrangle, is always open for students to come and discuss problems they may have with the shuttle service. There are also complaint boxes in each of the dorms.

"The way I know there is a problem with the system is with the complaint forms," Coleman

dorm approximately four times this semester. This has caused her to be late for her class and

I should go around to Sutton as soon as the bus gets there so I can get a seat," Jones said.

Coleman suggests that if students realize the bus right before their class is going to be crowded, they should prepare to catch an earlier bus.

"The shuttle bus is a lot like the Metro bus. It is not always there when you want it to be. You have to adjust your schedule," Coleman said.

He also said the tour buses and the older buses may be a reason that many students are not able to fit during the rush hours. The shuttle bus company is under contract with the University to provide it with two-door shuttle-bus style buses.

Coleman believes that these buses provide more seating and space.

He admits that it is probably time to hold another meeting with the company and the students make sure the students are satisfied.

"Generally, we get a response [from the company] to hold them accountable to contract. Now it is important to get students to do the follow-up," Coleman said. But some students say they never get response to complaints they do file.

"You'd think that with all the money we pay that we could have buses that work. Sutton's buses have always run like this. We in the complaints, but nothing happens," Bracey said.

The shuttle bus is a lot like the Metro bus. It is not always there when you want it to be. You have to adjust your schedule.
-Reverend James Coleman

said. Tiffany Jones, an Eton Towers resident, has been stranded at the

occasionally she has had to catch the Metro bus.

"I basically blame myself. I feel

Montel Williams his shares views with Howard University students



Talk-show host Montel Williams spoke candidly with students during his visit to Howard University last week.

By Frederick J. Goodall
Hilltop Staff Writer

Montel Williams always talks about overcoming challenges. On Feb. 10, his challenge was to appease an audience of Howard students who were ready to crucify him. Williams sensed that his task would not be easy, but he managed to soothe the blood-thirsty students with eloquence, charm and genuine emotion. In other words, he met the challenge.

"I'm sure people would like to know where I stand on a few issues," said Williams to the delight of the audience. He first addressed the

media's portrayal of black men.

"You always hear that one in four black men are in prison or on drugs. But what about the other three who are doing something positive..." Before Williams could finish his statement, his emotions overwhelmed him. At this point, the audience retracted its claws and encouraged Williams to say more.

Williams unveiled his plan to distribute pins with "3/4" on them to black men throughout the country.

"I want people to be curious about the pins. I want them to ask the wearer what it means so he can say 'I'm one of the three in four that you never want to talk about.'"

"There are many people who are angry with me because I refuse to succumb to stereotypes. They wish I would grab myself or rap every once in a while to seem less threatening. People are intimidated by a strong-willed, articulate black man."

But Williams shocked the audience by saying that he does not want to be known as a role model, although he is a positive black man.

"I don't like the word 'role model' because it seems as if black kids are the only ones who need them. White kids have mentors or advisors. They don't seem to need role models."

"I hope young black men don't look at me as a role model. I want them to look at me as a person. But if I must be a role model, I want it to be because I graduated from college or because I take care of my children, not because I have a talk-show."

Students found Williams' views refreshing.

"I was impressed by his opinions on the black community and he handled himself well," said Ravi Howard, a sophomore majoring in advertising. "I only wish more of his attitudes were reflected on his show."

Although many students came to

the informal gathering to learn from Williams, others came to dish the dirt. The incident at the Friar's Club, where Williams walked out after actor Ted Danson appeared in blackface and made some derogatory statements about blacks, was first on the agenda.

"After the incident at the Friar's club, people were asking why was I upset because I have a white wife. Well, regardless of who I'm married to, I'm still a black man and that offended me."

Williams attributed Danson's display to the popularity of "gangsta rap."

"If people hear us disrespecting each other and calling each other nigger and bitch, they're going to think they can do the same thing."

But the climax of Williams' talk came during the question and answer segment when one brave young lady asked the question everyone wanted to know.

"What message do you think you're sending to black men by marrying a white woman?" asked one young lady.

"I can't justify my love," answered Williams seemingly relieved to get that question behind him. "My wife was the first person who came to me for me. She stood by me when I was just beginning. No one else wanted me before I had my show."

Conference to help young black women explore their options

By Monica M. Lewis
Hilltop Staff Writer

Being young, black and female is not easy. But the College of Arts and Sciences Student Council, along with Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Incorporated, Alpha Chapter, wants to help young black women in their journey to adulthood. And next Tuesday, the two will host the second annual Woman to Woman Conference in the Armour J. Blackburn University Center.

"We want to show the young women the importance of holding their heads up high and how to feel good about being black and being a woman," said Lawanda Blanchard, vice president of the Arts and Sciences Student Council and a senior English major. "We also want to strengthen their hearts, as well as their minds."

More than 400 young women from area high schools such as Bales, Banneker, Dunbar, Wilson and Ellington High Schools will attend. Students from the Model Secondary school for the Deaf will also be in attendance this year, and according to Blanchard, they are a welcomed addition.

"We wanted to enlarge the scope of students at the conference," Blanchard said.

While last year's conference featured nationally known personalities such as Essence Magazine's editor-in-chief Susan L. Taylor and actress Shari Headley of ABC's "All My Children," this year's Woman to Woman steering committee decided to steer away from big-name personalities.

"Our most important focus was to have positive black women with developing young minds," Blanchard said.

Speaker Coordinator Bobbie Mason, a third year psychology major, said she was looking for very independent people.

"I wanted the conference to feature black women who were necessarily well-known in the mainstream, but who have struggled and know the challenges that we have to face," Mason said.

Mason said this year's conference theme, "Sister Let's Talk: Embracing the Challenge," defines what the committee had in mind for those in attendance. "We want the young ladies to look at challenges in a positive way, not as something that will hold them back."

Mason, explaining how the conference is not just a "for women only" affair, added that she wants black men to attend.

To date, 26 speakers have been confirmed for the event, including novelist and journalist Betty Winston-Baye, physician and poet Rebera Foston, Chicago Judge Janice McGaughey, Minyon Moore of the Democratic National Committee, Alberta Coker of the Cultural Initiative and School of Communications professor Debyl Thomas. District of Columbia Mayor Sharon Pratt Kelly will preside over the conference's opening ceremonies to take place in Crampton Auditorium.

Volunteer Coordinator Shelda Oliver, a sophomore speech pathology and audiology major, said she believes the conference is beneficial to the spiritual and mental growth of the black women.

"I think that the conference enables us, as young black women, to act as mentors to the next generation and as mediums in bridging the gap between the older and younger generations," Oliver said.

The conference will include discussions and workshops including "How to Achieve Your Dreams" and "Self-Development," as well as a luncheon and a tour of the campus.

Senior Erica Littlejohn is optimistic about what the conference will offer young participants.

"Hopefully, they will get a glimpse of what they want out of life and they'll realize the different options they can explore as we move into the 21st century," Littlejohn, a Delta, said.

Omeegas to sponsor annual blood drive

By Andrea Mullins
Hilltop Staff Writer

The Alpha Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. will be sponsoring its annual blood drive at the Howard Plaza Towers West on Monday. The Charles R. Drew Memorial Blood Drive, Alfred Motlow Bone-Marrow Testing Program will be the Omega's first blood drive since their reinstatement on campus in 1993.

"It's a program that we had done at Howard University [in the past]," said Chapter President Tushon Robinson. "And in the chapter's silence from 1986 to 1993, there

has been little activity like this going on. As a result we wanted to implement this again on campus."

The program is named after Dr. Charles Drew, who was a pioneer in blood transfusion research, and Alfred Motlow, a fraternity brother who is in need of a bone marrow transplant.

Social Action Committee Chair Charles "Chaz" Hicks said the program is important because there aren't enough African Americans giving blood and bone marrow. Transplants of blood and marrow are usually successful only when donors are the same race as recipients.

All week, the chapter has dispensed information about the blood drive and signed students up for appointments in the Armour J. Blackburn University Center. Along with the blood drive and bone marrow testing, the Red Cross will be screening for AIDS. The results of the AIDS tests will be confidential, Hicks said.

Robinson said the chapter decided to have the drive on Presidents' Day in order to increase the turnout rate. He said donors often feel light-headed after giving blood and need time to recuperate.

"A blood drive is not something you can do between classes," he

said.

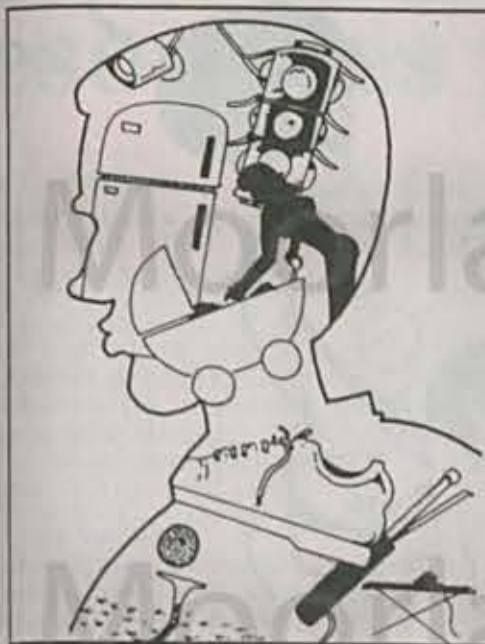
For those who did not make an appointment and would like to give blood, the Red Cross will take walk-ins if appointments do not show. The program's goal is to have 100 donors.

The chapter will provide music and refreshments at the program, along with information on how to donate blood.

"People need to come out to hear how severe this problem [of donating blood] is," he said.

The Blood Drive will be held in the West Towers community room from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

CAMPUS PLUS



THE HILLTOP CELEBRATES

Blacks In Science

FOR BLACK HISTORY MONTH

The Names Behind the Buildings

School of Architectural Planning

Howard Hamilton Mackey, Sr.

Professor of Architecture, Design and Tropical Architecture, Howard University, 1924-73

Long Head of the Department of Architecture, 1930-37

Head of the Department of Architecture, 1937-71

Associate Dean of the School of Engineering and Architecture, 1964-

Under and Dean of the School of Architecture and City Planning, 1970-

School of Dentistry

Dr. Alexander Dixon

Dean, Howard University Dental School, 1931-1977

Charles R. Drew Dormitory

Charles R. Drew

Physician

*Instructor in Pathology, Howard University, 1936

*Assistant in Surgery, 1936

*Professor of Surgery and Chief Surgeon, Freedman's Hospital

*Organized a blood bank in London during WWII

*Director of first Plasma Division, Blood Transfusion Association, supplying plasma to the British, 1940-41

*First Director of American Red Cross Blood Bank, supplying blood plasma to U.S. forces, 1941

School of Engineering

Lewis King Downing

Engineer

*1921 received a B.S. in civil engineering from Howard University

*Helped set up School of Engineering and Architecture at the University
*Dean of School of Engineering, 1936-64
*Dean Emeritus, 1964-67
*Chairman, Engineering Commission, D.C. Commissioners Traffic Advisory Board, 1958-??

Just Hall (Zoology-Biology)

Ernest Everett Just

Zoologist, Biologist, Psychologist, Research Scientist

*Instructor in Zoology, Howard University, 1909-10

*Assistant Professor, 1910-11

*Associate Professor, 1911-12

*Professor, 1912-??

*Headed Department of Physiology

*Received first Spingarn Medal, 1915, for his research in Biology

College of Pharmacy

Chauncy Ira Cooper

Pharmacist

*Professor, Dean, Howard University College of Pharmacy, 1940-72

*Founder and first president, National Pharmaceutical Association

College of Medicine

Numa Pompilius Garfield Adams Building

Physician

*Received his BA from Howard University in 1911

*Instructor in Chemistry 1912-14

*First Black Dean of Howard University Medical College June 4, 1929

College of Medicine

Seely G. Mudd Building

Physician, Philanthropist

*Throughout his lifetime, gave \$8 million to establish professorships, scholarships and construct buildings at educational institutions. In 1975 the Seely Mudd Fund of Los Angeles awarded \$1.2 million to the college toward the building of a new medical facility.

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African-American scientists contribute to life's comforts

Ally Mays
Staff Writer

Can you imagine a college life without packaged snacks?

The inventor of the preservative to keep

fresh is an African-American chemist

Lloyd Augustus Hall (1894-1971).

One of the many African-American

inventors and scientists who have

permanently affected the lives of mankind.

African-American inventors and

scientists serve as unique role models to

young African Americans with an interest

in science.

Americans from every discipline

must, highlight, celebrate and even

draw inspiration from the works of these past and present

African-American achievers during Black History Month.

One student affected by a Black History Month speaker is Craig Rice, a mechanical engineering student at Howard.

"I was so amazed and intrigued when I had an African-American Month speaker come into my 6th grade class and talk about one of the first African-American engineers," Rice said.

"That same evening I went home and looked up the word 'engineer' in the encyclopedia and saw that the field emphasized math and science. At that young age, I decided to become an engineer."

Rice gives credit to Elijah McCoy (1843-1929) for paving the way for African Americans interested in science

everywhere.

Cleveland native James Ladd is a mechanical engineering major who admires Garrett A. Morgan. He thinks black inventors like Morgan should get more attention year-round.

"It is obvious if we don't recognize our own, who will? African-American scientists and inventors have been ignored throughout history. We have to give them their due throughout the year. Black History Month should just be the beginning," Ladd said.

Garrett A. Morgan (1875-1963) was an African-American inventor who terminated his formal education at 14, solved problems and enabled others to gain knowledge.

Morgan designed and built the traffic

signal, created the chemical hair relaxer, improved the sewing machine industry by making a belt fastener and started the Ohio newspaper, The Cleveland Call and Post.

Like many other students, mechanical engineering major Danny Brown believes African-American innovators should be recognized every month.

"Every month should be honored to the African Americans and to the education of younger minds. Our heritage should be a continuous thing, not a once a month affair. Too many of our ancestors have been robbed by this," Brown, a freshman, said.

The work of many African-American scientists and inventors has gone unacknowledged. Scientist Lewis Howard Latimer (1848-1928) is one whose contributions to the early American

electrical developments were ignored for decades. This self-educated African-American man helped Alexander Graham Bell invent and patent the telephone.

And Joseph Lee (1849-1905), a master chef, improved the baking industry by inventing a bread making machine. He also became a very successful restaurateur.

Movies have sound because of Frederick McKinley Jones (1892-1961). After building a radio station transmitter, he invented the technique of adding the sound track to movies. Jones received more than 60 patents in his lifetime.

These men are only a handful of scientists and inventors who make our lives much easier, and their accomplishments should not be overlooked.

Peace Corp sponsors Black History Month Celebration

Ally Davis
Staff Writer

In commemoration of Black History Month, the United States Peace Corps is sponsoring a celebration on the mother continent Wednesday Feb. 23 at 6 p.m. at the School of Business.

The theme is "Living and Working in Africa." The School of Communication's Frederick Douglas Honor Society will pay tribute to African kings and queens in a dramatic presentation. A special African dance will be exhibited. There will also be a panel discussion with students about the opportunities and challenges of visiting and pursuing a career in Africa. "So many times Howard students speak of how they want to go to Africa. As a Peace Corps employee and Howard student, I see this as a perfect opportunity to inform my peers," said Chelsea Stalling, Peace Corps public affairs assistant.

Corps public affairs assistant.

The panel will feature Dr. Joseph Kennedy, a representative from Africare; Ambassador Charles Baquet; Ambassador Horace Dawson; and Helen O'Keefe, former Overseas Peace Corps Staff. A question and answer session will follow.

Students attending the program will have an opportunity to meet with Peace Corps recruiters and learn about the foreign service. Refreshments will be served.

"What better time than Black History Month to learn more about our heritage and career opportunities as well. I encourage everyone to come out and celebrate your history," Stalling said.

For more information, call the Peace Corps Area Recruiting Office at (703) 235-9191.

CAMPUS CRIME REPORT

Feb. 5 A complainant reported she was threatened during a card game at Meridian Hill Hall. The man told her he had not hit her yet, but was going to hit her. He was restrained by another man in the room.

Feb. 6 Security detained two people removing a government boot from a car on their way to the West Campus. The Metropolitan Police arrived and arrested the subjects for possession of drug paraphernalia.

Feb. 7 A student was stabbed in the back with a fork by another student in a fight in Armour J. Blackburn University Center. The complainant was taken to Howard University Hospital and the assailant was arrested.

Feb. 7 A student's bookbag was stolen from the bookstore when she left it outside of the locker because the bag would not fit.

Feb. 8 While visiting a friend in Meridian Hill Hall, the complainant reports she was pushed in the chest and water thrown on her by an unknown assailant.

Feb. 9 A student left a jacket in the swimming coach's box in Burr Gymnasium during his swimming class, and it was stolen.

Feb. 9 A student had a jacket stolen out of the Health and Sciences Library. An investigation found two unknown black males loitering around the area. The complainant lost \$10 and two credit cards.

Feb. 11 Sparks from an air conditioner fire fell on a complainant in the C.B. Powell building. The fire was put out by the complainant and another witness.

Feb. 11 The driver of a car was parking in lot T, 2315 Sherman Ave., when a complainant said she accidentally hit a car. The accident caused minor damage to the right fender of the other car. No one was hurt in the accident.

Report given by Campus Security
Compiled by Allya Davis

The next campus meeting will be held on Sunday at 3 p.m. Bring a grip of story ideas...

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Should African-Americans forget the past in order to succeed in the present and in the future?



"No. The past is the basis of what is going on now. It is used as a foundation to do what is going on now."

Carlena Mitchell
Broadcast Journalism
Senior



"I think we should not forget the past, we should keep it in mind so it can inspire us in the future. It should help us succeed, which will be the best payback. The past is too painful to forget."

Tianna Scott
Public Relations
Sophomore



"No, they should not forget the past. We should learn from our mistakes to prevail in the future. We as a people will be able to do better from learning from our mistakes."

Javon Smith
Hotel/Motel
Management
Alumnus



"They should never forget the past. They should always remember the past and their heritage."

Corbet Ellison
Biology
Freshman



"No we cannot forget our past. If you forget your past, then you can not proceed in the future. We build from our history and we cannot do anything without our past."

Nomi Husband
Psychology
Junior



"I think they should keep in mind some of the things that happen, like slavery and segregation. Keeping what has happened in mind allows them to better themselves as a race and as a people."

Brian Atkins
Film
Sophomore

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Black History Month should include 'the good, bad, ugly'

In last Friday's front page of The Washington Post, there was a story about a Black History exhibit at Macy's department store at Pentagon City mall. The exhibit displayed items that were offensive and disturbing to some people, such as "Mammy" cookie jars and a doll in the likeness of the "Cream of Wheat" man.

Customers and employees at Macy's who saw the exhibit were furious. According to The Washington Post, the man who put the Black History exhibit together was a prominent District-based black memorabilia collector. The exhibit was put together in order to help celebrate the contributions of black Americans once a year in February, the shortest month of the year.

And since Black History month is only a once-a-year event, every aspect of black history should be covered. Actually, black history should taught throughout the year, but since one month is put aside for black people and their history; the good, the bad and the ugly should be recognized about; even if it means displaying "Mammy" cookie jars, black lawn jockeys, and caricatures of black people eating watermelon and tap-dancing.

The Black History exhibit is not so much of how we were perceived by the white men in the past, but how we are still unfortunately being perceived by some white men today. Just several months ago, AT&T telephone company ran an in-house ad that featured people from different regions of the world calling each other, and a gorilla represented the caller from Africa.

Whoopi Goldberg had her ex-boyfriend, actor Ted Danson dress up in black face, caricaturing a black person and perhaps Whoopi herself all in the name of "fun." And just recently Sen. Ernest Hollings made headlines because of a joke he told regarding Africans as cannibals, again all in the name of good humor.

Montel Williams: Students must be responsible for their future

Those of you who didn't have an opportunity to participate in the discussion with talk-show host, Montel Williams, missed an eye-opening treat.

I must admit, I was definitely not a Montel Williams fan when I entered the reading lounge at Blackburn Center this past Friday, but I sure was one when I left.

I had lumped Mr. Williams into the tabloid-tv garbage heap along with Geraldo Rivera. However, as with many television personalities, there was much more to Mr. Williams than his t.v. image projected. It is important to remember that this image has been shaped largely by a mainstream media that continues to perpetuate a stereotypical image of black people, especially black men, who are often portrayed as people of little substance—"buffoons", as Mr. Williams put it.

He addressed issues that we as future leaders of this country should be mindful of; politics, violence and racism.

He encouraged the young brothers who were present to go out to high schools and speak. And not just at black high school, but white high schools as well. He pointed out that white students also had a need to see articulate young brothers who do not fit the stereotypical image of the rapping brother on the corner.

Before Mr. Williams arrived in the reading lounge, I heard mumbling from students about Montel and his "white wife". "Someone should bust him out", I heard.

I pointed out that simply because a person has a white spouse, it does not make him any less black. The important thing is to be proud of your heritage and not deny it.

Today, as black history is being reflected on this month, the events that shape black people today will be remembered in the future; the good, the bad and the ugly. Black history should be passed down, and cannot be sugar-coated. Nothing from history should be neglected, covered up or hidden. Biographies on Frederick Douglass and Booker T. Washington should mention both the high and low points in their lives.

The same thing applies to the exhibit at Macy's. Even though the exhibit was taken down, maybe the department store should reconsider and put it back up with an explanation about each of the artifacts on display.

History should show people where they came from and where they are now. People could look back at their long suffering and realize they are a people that survived. The Jewish community will always let people know and remember the Holocaust, so much that they have a museum. These are people who definitely want others to know and remember about their history; the good, the bad and the ugly; and like black people they have survived.

In the past, black people have been caricatured and stereotyped negatively as monkeys, "coons," "mammies," "pickinnies" and cannibals, but with the help of some brave, great black people; these stereotypes have been all but erased from our memory.

Just take a look at us now. There was time when a picture of "mammy" was on the box of Aunt Jemima pancake mix. Today, Aunt Jemima has her hair done and is wearing earrings. Angela Bassett is nominated for an Academy Award for Best Actress for portraying Tina Turner. Fifty years ago, Hattie McDaniel won an Academy Award for Best Supporting Actress for portraying a "Mammy."

This was not the prevailing opinion, at least not at first.

Without any obligation to justify his marriage to anyone, Mr. Williams spoke candidly about it, and his views on racism in America, especially in the media.

Many students were ashamed for bad mouthing our plum-suited brother with his trademark clean shaven head.

We learned a important lesson about getting away from the 'crabs in a barrel' trap that black folks often fall into.

"Anytime one of us is doing well, he said, we reach up and try to pull him back down." How true. It is especially unfair when we know little or nothing about a person except what others have said about him.

From gangsta rap to racism in the media, Mr. Williams voiced his opinion. It was refreshing to hear such positive messages from a brother who has worked hard in a racist system to make it to where he has.

I think I speak for most in attendance when I say that we left the reading room enlightened. Throughout his talk more than a few 'amens' were heard as students encouraged our brother to 'preach' the truth.

As Mr. Williams encouraged us to "be what they (white America) don't expect you to be", we were reminded that we are smarter to reserve judgement about people until we learn about them ourselves, first-hand without the intervention of mainstream media, who are not necessarily looking out for our best interests.

communicate that with offensive language. Thus, white people should not be held personally responsible for the verbal manifestations of their racism.

While the author may have been advocating that black males should not be blamed for behavioral symptoms of widespread social problems, many men, regardless of their race/ethnicity or environment, display sexist behavior. For example, women are vulnerable to similar biological sexual desires as men. While the author notes that men should shun promiscuity, men often are regarded as studs when they are sexually active or have multiple partners. Women, on the other hand, are deemed sluts.

The ubiquitous nature of sexism is evident within many curse words whether how or by whom they are used. The words b—, son of a b—, whore and m— f—

are much more than offensive uses of language. They are indicators of how women are reviled and dehumanized, particularly in the context of their sexuality. If this is doubted, then try to think of an equal number of words which specifically target men and their sexually so disparagingly.

The purpose of this letter is not to assert the preeminence of the experiences of black women. The degradation of either gender group should not be tolerated. When verbal attacks against black women or men are condoned, even under the guise of artistry, we unknowingly provide the rationale for others to verbally strike us as blacks.

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Letters to the Editor

To 'b' or not to 'B'

a Ebony does it, Jet does it, Essence does it, but The HILLTOP doesn't. I do. The Washington Post and The New York Times, which comes as no surprise, don't. But I hope that you readers do. Do what? Capitalize the "B" in "Black."

Black man, Black woman, Black history, Black presence in the Bible and Black power — Black.

Since my youth, I have not understood why Black people would use "black" to describe themselves. I know that "black" is grammatically correct. Many of my papers from junior high and high school were returned to me with red check marks and other "corrections" of the capital "B" to a lower case "b." Look, I know what the dictionary says, but putting

the "B" in "Black" is critical, and its use, or lack thereof, makes a definite statement. When not using the "African-American" label (which has held the top spot on the "Who are we now" charts for the past decade), we should continue to use a categorization of the same import.

Allow me to illustrate. "Two black men were shot and killed in a drive-by shooting." Reaction? "Oh, two insignificant, unimportant men were shot." Now try this. "Two Black men were shot and killed." What? Did you hear? Another two of our brothers, two Black men, were lost to crime.

To me, "Black" connotes power, pride, influence, importance. What does "black" say to you? Not much —

small in stature, insignificant, weak. I hope I'm not the only one who sees that there is a subtle difference between the two. And difference may not have a conscious effect on the mind or one's perception, but there is an effect on the less. The written word is power and it can be used to edify or "Black" builds; "black" doesn't. Ebony, Jet and Essence do. HILLTOP doesn't. So all I ask of those of you out there — individuals and the entire HILLTOP page — you're going to be black, be Black.

Charles Quinn is a graduate student at Howard University.

Student protest is a strong symbolic victory

Oh come now, who at Howard (besides Dr. Jennifer) thinks that the revolutionary war was fought over the price of tea. Or that Rodney King was so well liked in L.A. that his friends and neighbors rioted on his behalf? Clearly the vendor issue was opportunistic on part of student government as Jennifer accused. Terri Wade and the student government took an opportunity to rally student support around an issue that was easy to grasp for the busy student who doesn't have time or energy to really follow national much less campus politics.

I will make it simple. You are correct in that the vendor issue did not have to warrant discussion in front of

President Clinton. Except as a symbol for the way policy is railroad past students. If the administration was embarrassed that day, it was because the nation found out that it is not responsive to it's student body. I give Wade credit for a strong symbolic victory here.

Evidence? Read the agreement which was finally signed. Points one, two and three amount to a victory of respect from the administration for student government as a force to be reckoned with. They won their issue with strong student support (not easy to do on this campus).

The fourth item is even better. They cemented some of the political muscle gained from this issue's momentum by

winning regular participation matters such as negotiation of student affairs contracts, hiring and firing faculty, staff and administrators.

The fifth point is the best yet for the administration to meet with every week to discuss the low financial aid budgets, lack of community outreach curriculum, absence of intra-university communication and more. These issues worthy of discussion in the President Clinton wouldn't you say?

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Letter to the Editor

Self-degradation is a two-way street

The HILLTOP's editorial entitled "Gangsta Rap" (Jan. 28, 1994) illustrated how society often accepts the degradation of women and defines them by their sexual behavior. The manner in which the editor tacitly approves this treatment is quite objectionable.

The author begins by recounting the lyrics from one of rapper Snoop Doggy Dogg's songs, and goes on to recommend that women's groups who have denounced such "gangsta rap" instead should focus "...on changing the circumstance that causes a black man to call his sister a b— or a "ho." This is similar to saying that blacks should concentrate on changing the situations which cause some whites to call them niggers. This implies that the speaker somehow is irresistibly compelled by his/her environment to hate certain categories of people and



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PERSPECTIVES

Resources play vital role in school privatization

Daanen T. Strachan

On Tuesday, January 27, 1994, I traveled with the D.C. Public Schools (DCPS) privatization agency to see how the Baltimore Public School System (Baltimore Public Schools) privatized some of its elementary and middle schools under Educational Alternatives Incorporated (EAI), a private company specializing in alternative school management techniques. EAI's role is to manage the school's resources. But these resources are the funds or assistance that the school is supposed to receive each budget cycle. We just allow any private company to manage public schools. Based on the trip, EAI is not providing additional resources to the schools. However, I believe that some of the training and resources to the concepts are excellent.

Some key questions come to mind. Why would the D.C. school board want to bring EAI to manage D.C. Public Schools (DCPS)? Was the Educational

Alternatives' management team thoroughly evaluated? What additional resources can EAI provide to the DCPS?

When we arrived, representatives from EAI divided the party into three groups. Each group visited a selected school under EAI's management. The representative said that EAI does interior decorating work, installation of computer labs and places four computers in every classroom.

In addition, EAI only has one counselor and a nurse attending to the school once a week. I then asked the representative what additional resources does EAI bring to the schools? The representative replied by saying "resources, resources and resources."

The question of resources is very crucial to the implementation of privatization in DCPS. Ironically, the Ward Seven School Board representative had a forum at Drew Elementary School that evening to address the issue of

privatization. The superintendent and six school board representatives were in attendance to answer questions concerning privatization.

The superintendent then talked about the additional resources EAI can provide to DCPS. In addition, the superintendent informed the audience that EAI or a different management company will receive the \$6,700 per pupil. This dollar amount represents the actual direct budget allocation for each student throughout the school system.

I stated to the superintendent that Drew Elementary, with a pupil population of 383, only received \$2.2 million for school year 93-94. For example, if EAI received \$6,700 per pupil for this school, the total resource allocation is \$2.6 million. The difference in resources is \$400,000. My question to the superintendent was how can EAI provide additional resources if the school is under budgeted during 93-94?

Since EAI is a for-profit

company, they could use only \$100,000 to provide small improvements such as computers and little quick fixes. If the school board decides to privatized fifteen schools, then EAI will have the opportunity to make large sums of money. When you multiply three hundred thousand dollars times fifteen schools, EAI will make at least \$4.5 million.

In addition, the Department of Research and Evaluation of BCPS issued an evaluation report of EAI for the period covering the 1992-1993 school year. EAI received \$26.7 million to operate nine Tesseract Schools. The report showed that EAI spent \$1 million more than BCPS would have spent for direct school operations. Did these excess funds come from resources that should have been allocated to the schools?

Once again, resources play a very important role when considering privatizing public schools. The evaluation report adds credibility to the fact that all schools should be budgeted at

proper funding levels. If few schools receive resources from EAI, other schools without these resources are at a disadvantage.

This disadvantage will cause jealousy and envy amongst the student population between non-privatized and privatized schools. We as parents, teachers and public officials cannot let this happen to our students.

Where do we go from here? One solution is truly stay with the idea of school-based management. The superintendent should push forward the establishment of an "entity" that is composed of parents, teachers, principals, community leaders and administrators to manage the school's resources.

This entity should have the same flexibility as EAI and be held accountable for managing the particular school's resources. If the entity is allowed to function properly, the school should obtain results that are favorable for the superintendent.

The superintendent's bottom line is to ensure that all DCPS are properly

funded based on direct budget allocations of \$6,700 per pupil.

For those parents who have children in schools east of the river, you are probably wondering if your child's school is under budgeted. How can the superintendent put forth this policy in a time when fiscal responsibility is so important?

In essence, the superintendent is allowing Paul to take from Peter. It is a shame that the superintendent is playing politics with our children. We as concerned citizens, parents and PUBLIC OFFICIALS, must provide the proper venue for our children to grow. We must remember that our children are the future leaders of tomorrow. WHO ARE TODAY'S LEADERS?

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Before we cry revolution we must rebel in our minds

Michael Hudson

Across this campus I've heard many students calling themselves revolutionaries, in quest of a revolution in this country. The average student who has now become enlightened on the plight of black people in America is now a proponent of revolutionary ideology.

On a larger scale, certain rap groups are spreading the word of revolution. It is particularly the new generation that has picked up this term and ran with it.

The realization of revolution among the older generation, and much of the younger, has been subliminal; they have delegated themselves to making progress within the system rather than making a system of their own. Their revolution happened in the sixties. Despite the reins of oppression that are laid with us today, a change was made. Because of that revolution, the oppressor has been more manipulative in the methods of oppression, appearing less diabolical than before.

For this reason we need to stop screaming revolution with a vision of bloodshed in our minds—which many of us are doing—and get down to the

business of revolution.

The rebellion of the sixties was a physical one. We sat in here, we sat down there, and marched everywhere. The oppressor knew what moves we were making and we often times knew his. We endured the overt racist methods of the oppressor until a change came about, but it is different today.

Today, a mind game is being played, and a lot of us aren't in the right mind to resist. We can't resist because we know not what to resist. We are now in the times where we need a mental revolution, not only for our collective minds but also for a societal change.

Many of us are correlating the word revolution with violence. Yes, the highly respected Malcolm X once stated that there cannot be a non-violent revolution, and he uses history as his witness, but that does not mean that we can't start a non-violent rebellion (I prefer to use the word rebellion

It's about revolution people. We got to get ready.



Yeah, but then what.

because all a revolution is a successful rebellion, revolution is after the fact).

A non-violent rebellion must start in our collective minds so we can resist the intellectual forces that keep us in the bondage of subjugation. Once we set our emotions aside and begin to stimulate ourselves with our own intellect, then, and only then, will a revolution begin to occur. And if the oppressor resorts to violence because of the threat that our awakened black minds pose, then we have every right to defend our freedom of thought, our freedom of expression and more importantly, our freedom of manhood by any means necessary! But first, we need to rebel patiently, methodically and in a way that when the oppressor realizes what's happening, the cohesiveness of the movement gives him no way out but violence if he so chooses.

This is the system

that the oppressor uses on us. Everywhere a black man turns, somebody is trying to keep him down, directly and indirectly; so where have many of us turned?

We've turned to crime, or we jump over the fence into the oppressors' yard where we're used as fresh dirt for his garden. Too many of us have chosen one of those two detrimental options.

Black people, before we can even think revolution of any kind we need to think rebellion. Before rebellion we need to think organization. Before organization we need to think unity. And before unity we need to find truth. We all need to know who we are, where we come from, who are enemies are and what lies they have told us.

Before we can propose a societal revolution, we need to impose a revolution on our collective minds. Until this is done, "revolutionary" will always be a nice, cool, hip or happening thing to call ourselves, but the actual event will remain only in our minds. We need to break the chains, this generation, those who have not done one of the detrimental two, needs to stand up, now!

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Important issues should come first in a protest

Felix N. Opara

Based on the articles I have read and things I have heard about the past few weeks pertaining to the vendors on Sixth Street at Howard University, I do not think that it is even worth mentioning on a gracious day set aside to respect and honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. — "The Day After Tomorrow." The issue of the vendors being moved from Sixth Street by HU administrators came up at the Black holiday celebration. Ms. Wade may think she had a "slam dunk" on President Jenifer, but she submitted that she did not. She only tried a cheap shot.

In the first place, Howard University Student Association president Terri Wade and her associates (staff) have done

absolutely nothing noble for the students of Howard University by bringing up such an issue where the U.S. President Clinton came to pay glory to the late Dr. King. Please don't get me wrong. I am not saying that such an issue is not important to students, but please stop kidding me; I have been to some other campuses in this country where there are no such vendors and students still survive.

Whether the vendors are there or not, students will still attend classes. Honestly, students are even better off buying those items from the grocery stores because most of the items are cheaper in the grocery stores than what they are sold by the vendors. People may say how can they carry potato chips and peanuts with them to school? Simple! Just put them in your school

bags. Please give me a break. I cannot remember how many students who walk around campus eating the items they bought from the vendors. In my personal estimate, about 99.5% of the time they go to the lounge or vacant classrooms to eat those items. Again, don't get me wrong, occasionally I buy things from the vendors.

Secondly, I believe that whether we are students, faculty or staff, we must learn to respect our elders. The Holy Bible reminds us that we should respect our parents (our elders included) so that our days will be long. Ms. Wade and her associates, invariably, did not show such respect to Dr. Jenifer. They also did not respect President Clinton who may not be aware of the existence of the vendors on the Sixth Street.

The constant tuition increase

may have been the issue that Ms. Wade should have raised so that President Clinton could raise it to the U.S. Congress. Reading her article in "The Hilltop", January 28, 1994, Ms. Wade wrote, "whenever there is injustice provoked upon our people — it is the right time." I will say to her that it may be the right time, but it is obviously not the right thing to say. Moreover, it is not the right place to say it. In addition, I will say to her that our grades as students and also our class attendance are absolutely not the derivatives of the presence of the vendors on Sixth Street, or even anywhere else on the campus. In other words, we can eat all the potato chips in this world, still we may not do well in the class. We can also make good grades without even "smelling" the chips and

peanuts from the vendors.

We can eat all the potato chips and candies we want, but if our tuition is not paid, we will not be at Howard. Oh no, we can still be at Howard but not as students, maybe a passers-by or spectators. Another irritating thing in Ms. Wade's article was her statement that, "It was necessary in order to gain the respect, cooperation and ACTION of administration." I will say that it is also not the way to gain respect. In the media world, such a thing is called "cheap popularity."

I will advise her and any person representing Howard University students in the future to say the most important thing first and leave the less important issues for a different place. If Ms. Wade had consulted other student bodies

such as the Caribbean, African, and Haitian student associations before making her speech, I bet you she wouldn't have forgotten to mention the tuition increase and the 50% surcharge on international students, harshly imposed by the U.S. Congress.

If someone thinks that Ms. Wade had a "slam dunk" or a "touchdown" on Dr. Jenifer, the person better think again. She nearly had a touchdown but she fumbled at the end zone and instead of picking up a zero because of the fumble, Sixth Street "slam dunk" or not, let us focus on our priority first. People should endeavor not to carelessly, tarnish the good image of a great institution like Howard University.

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Racial discrimination: The American way

Michael S. Asante

The scale of reactions to Sen. F. Hollings' recent remarks about African leaders and the fact that his fellow senators do not feel necessary to condemn him for such irresponsibility and bigotry reveals a terribly sad state of the people and politics of this nation. (By the way, Sen. Hollings said in an interview last week that African leaders should get a square meal" instead of "getting each other." He only saw necessary to offer an apology two months later, calling it a "joke.")

For almost half a century, this country has portrayed itself as the leader of the world, the free world, until the crisis in the

former Soviet Union. Through the attitudes and lifestyles of the people, as well as the utterances, policies and the use of a very huge fearsome military machine, the United States of America was able to sell herself to the rest of the world as the most prosperous and free nation, the model after which every people who aspired to progress and wealth should follow.

Undoubtedly, there was some truth in this. While other countries in Europe, Asia, etc. were still struggling to establish growing economies, this country had an effective and dynamic system that created a very high standard of living for its people, most of them, at least. There was enough wealth to go around several countries in Europe, Asia, Latin America and

Africa in the form of aid, grants, loans and so on.

Today, however, although some citizens still can boast of the highest standards of living in the world, it is common knowledge that America is sliding at a terrifyingly fast rate. Millions of people are homeless. Infant mortality rates are among the highest in the world, even surpassing some of the so-called "third world" countries. Drug abuse and criminal activity — murder, robbery, rape, spousal abuse etc. are commonplace.

White collar crime is rampant and growing. The judiciary system appears to be designed and operated in such a way as to protect, even spoil the criminal, while victims have no recourse. Morality has gone to the dogs.

Family values have evaporated. And as the days go by, one wonders where this nation is headed.

Racial discrimination is at its worst ever (although this country has, for the past 20 or so years, assigned herself the role of an enforcer of human rights in the world, priding herself as the "land of the free").

It is a very sad fact that despite the dramatic changes occurring on the world scene, the resulting advancement by several nations in the economic, socio-cultural and political spheres, and the fact that the world today is different from what it was 50 years ago, a large number of Americans, including national leaders with the likes of Sen. Hollings, have for some strange reason, stuck to the

legendary Yankee cockiness and pride.

People like Mr. Hollings remain incredibly ignorant and uneducated to the extent that they still regard the archaic fictitious images of Africa being a jungle in which man and beast prowled and hunt each other and where a single white male (Tarzan) could invade (or did he discover) and outwit and outmaneuver the savages and wild animals alike, as reality.

It needs to be made clear that if America found itself in a situation where it was the first among equals, that is history. Today, the balance of power has shifted against this country in all aspects of human endeavor. The culture of America is proving itself, day in day out, to be self-

destructive. Knowledge, beliefs, art, morals and laws in this country are a source of severe shock to every other people.

Simply put, as one looks to the future, one can see nothing but a horrifying image of a nation of liars; thieves; murderers; lazy, unemployed, illiterate, homeless drug-addicts and adulterers led by self-conceited politicians who are so ignorant they do not appreciate the crisis, but rather spend valuable time composing crude "jokes" about other peoples. The likes of Mr. Hollings would not last a day in less civilized governments. God Bless America.

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Local R & B group hopes to make it big



By Anna Hines
Hilltop Staff Writer

What do Levias McFarland, Lamont Jenkins, Antonio Best, Keith Childs and Eric Young have in common? Try the first letters of their names, which form the title of their R&B group L.L.A.K.E. The melodious group has been making waves all over the country with their sultry, seductive sound.

But this group got its start right here in Washington, D.C., back in 1989 where three of them met and attended Norfolk State University, and the other two were friends of one of the members. Presently the group is living in Northwest and Southeast Washington, D.C. Currently, they are under the management of Stephen "Roc" Pierce, whom they met while recording at Cue Recording studios located in Falls Church, Virginia. This studio is mostly recognized for recording platinum hits for Shai, Toni Braxton, II D Extreme and Glenn Jones.

"Roc has been the most productive manager for the group," said Levias. He has been managing them for the past six months.

Presently, L.L.A.K.E. is in the process of recording their first album, although no record contracts have been signed.

Between practice, interviews and performances, these young men are steadily making their way to the top. Their busy agenda has included opening for such performers as Johnny Gill at the Washington Convention Center and SILK, UNV and INTRO at Constitution Hall. They were invited to perform for Gerald Levert in Cleveland after he heard their tape playing at BET. And they've also played at local clubs, universities and on the Spirit of Washington.

Their two recently released singles "Nasty" and "Ooh Wee" are getting air play across the country. "Ooh Wee" has been played on WPGC-95.5. According to Levias, it's played mostly during the "Cool Out," because of the lyrics, but it also was played as a home jam.

The members of L.L.A.K.E. are seeking listener feedback and are encouraging local radio stations to give their opinions on the group.

LOCAL

District gallery owner, architect frames pictures with "exactitude"

By Angela Renee Birch
Hilltop Staff Writer

Barry Lester is 30 years old and has a serious attitude. In the back of his old-fashioned storefront gallery, Lester creates optical illusions and geometric shapes that will make any picture come to life.

"Attitude Exact" is the name of the gallery. Located at 739 Eighth St., S.E., the gallery specializes in African-American art and memorabilia. It has been open for nearly five years. A wide variety of artists are featured at the gallery including Ernie Barnes, Charles Washington, Larry "Pancho" Brown, Michael Brown and Kenneth C. Gaylor.

Gaylor's works are currently on display at the gallery. Gaylor does bright, bold and exciting work with colored pencils. His exhibit features a portrait of Malcolm X, titled "Mr. X." "Vexed" is a dual portrait featuring James Baldwin and Ethel Waters. In this picture, Gaylor captures their personalities, as their images seem to be deep in thought. Tina Turner, Eartha Kitt, Grace Jones and Diana Ross are featured in his work, "Divas."

"If you don't see what you want just tell me and I can get it for you," Lester said. His positive energy shines throughout the gallery.

He received a degree in Architecture from Tuskegee Institute. Eager to jump into the arena with other architects, Lester was stopped in his tracks by the reality of the architectural business.

"There was limited work in the design area for a black architect, so, I started doing print work,"



"Attitude Exact" located at 739 Eighth St. S.E.

Lester said. He freelanced for Sun Gallery and Tina's Gallery. Then he broadened his horizons and began a close working relationship with different art distributors and worked for them also.

But print work was not enough to satisfy his creative juices. While some relatives were in Africa, he came up with the idea to open a gallery. He advertised the opening by sending flyers to black churches and organizations around the area. Lester rented gallery space for one month and sold every artifact,

print and trinket he imported from Africa.

He also began the process of framing what he calls "exactitude." "Exactitude" consists of layering the mats used around the border of a picture. Then a design can be placed in the V-groove or corner of the frame.

Gallery apprentice Paul "Blade" Williams thinks Lester is a genius. "I want to be his clone and recreate what he has done. This is an excellent opportunity to create a family business."

Lester teaches his method to coast. He has created work art for Washington Post columnist Donna Britt and CBS anchor Phyllis Armstrong.

Lester says he can teach method to anyone who is willing to learn. Eventually he will return to the field of architecture because he says his spirit rests until his full creative potential is fulfilled.

Cold weather takes toll on District's water pipes

By Genea Luck
Hilltop Staff Writer

This winter's freezing weather has been harsh for D.C. residents and their pets, but one other area affected by the weather is the city's pipes.

If not properly insulated, water heaters and pipes will not produce hot water needed for showers, cooking and laundering. And because more people use hot water in the winter season than in the summer, the problem is intensified.

If water systems in homes, apartment buildings or Howard University dormitories are hit with frigid temperatures, pipe bursting threats are automatically present. Some families living in the Eleventh Street, N.W., area experienced the situation first-hand when a main pipe burst Christmas Day.

Oil, gas and electricity are the three main hot water systems that are used. A hot water tank is sized and installed for estimated usage in a building or home. Heat is then added to the tank. Electric units

send currents directly through the water. A flame burns on top of the hot water tank of oil and gas units.

According to Hank Woodard, the manager of customer engineering at Pepco, the location of the hot water heater is important. Woodard said water tanks that are in cold

"The hot water problems we had at Sutton Plaza were because of a hot water pump that needed replacing. A pump is needed to send the hot water to all of the rooms,"
--Lorenzo Gregory said

basements or outside in the cold weather are prone to experience problems.

"Anything you heat up that is hotter than the surrounding air will give up heat to the air," Woodard said.

Pepco and the D.C. Public Works Water and Sewer Utility Department provide customers with guidelines and services, such

as hot water blankets that help cut down on the excess amount of energy used in heating the water.

Some Howard dormitories have reported hot water pipe difficulties. Lorenzo Gregory, the director of operations and management, explained that the main problems have been because of low water pressure and bad fixtures.

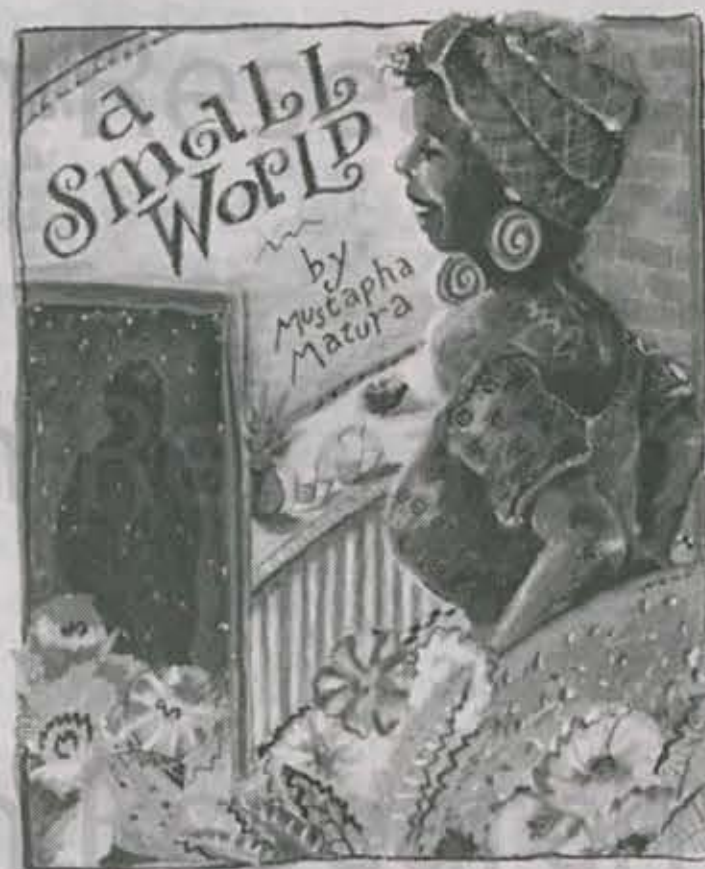
"The hot water problems we had at Sutton Plaza were because of a hot water pump that needed replacing. A pump is needed to send the hot water to all of the rooms," Gregory said.

Many of the University's older buildings have bad fixtures like shower heads, diverters and leaking pipes. Just recently, Slove Hall had to have a circulating pump replaced.

"There are not enough funds for a complete renovation, but we have gotten some money to make the necessary repairs and help maintain the old equipment. Making sure the students have hot water is our top priority," Gregory said.

The average temperature for hot water is between 110 and 120 degrees Fahrenheit.

A date with fate



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Feb. 12, 1994

A Slave's Tale. Storyteller Bill Grimmette brings to life the experiences of a slave on a 16th-century expedition to the New World in his one-man show, "Estevanico the Moor." Place: Carmichael Auditorium in the National Museum of American History, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W. Metro (Federal Triangle). For more information, call (202) 357-2700.

Feb. 15, 1994

Blacks in Aviation. Historians and pilots share their perspectives on the contributions of African Americans to aviation and space flight over the past 50 years. Place: National Air and Space Museum. Time: 7:30 p.m. For more information call (202) 357-2700.

Feb. 19, 1994

Film Festival. The Margaret Mead Traveling Film Festival highlights several short films and documentaries

about anthropology.

Place: National Museum of Natural History. Time: 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. For more information call (202) 357-2700.

Feb. 19, 20, 1994

BZB Salute to Black Artists. Visual and Wearable Art, Jazz Music, Presentations, Seminars, etc. Place: Silver Spring Armory. Time: 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information call (202) 332-2879.

Feb. 26, 1994

BZB Black Gift Show. Over 100 businesses and entrepreneurs will share unusual and elegant items and there will be live jazz music from musicians Davey Yarborough and Hilton Felton. Place: Shiloh Baptist Church. Time: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. For more information call (202) 332-2879.

Feb. 27, 1994

Analysis of Civil War Letters. Howard University professor and author, Dr. Joseph Reidy, shares recently uncovered letters from slaves and free blacks during the Civil War era. Place: National Postal Museum. Time: 2 p.m. For more information call (202) 357-2700.

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NATIONAL

Clinton's new budget plan may increase federal student aid

By Shonda L. Huery
Hilltop Staff Writer

President Clinton's 1995 budget plan offers hope to students seeking federal aid. The budget calls for a \$1.7 billion increase in the education budget over the current year, opening doors for more programs geared toward aiding students who need funds for higher education. Close to half of all full-time undergraduate students use federal student aid. Almost 7 million students could receive \$28.4 billion in grants, loans and work-study programs. That is an increase of about \$1.2 billion over last year's budget. On the other hand, the budget proposes spending cuts in such areas as elementary and secondary education, library programs and national education, which will affect many Howard University students. "It is very encouraging to know that our president is trying to improve financial situations in our nation's institutions. As students,

when we have to constantly worry about our financial situations, we begin to make the learning process secondary in our lives," said Faith Luster, a sophomore jazz studies student. Some students recognize that it is important to have government intervention in order to secure postsecondary education. "College is a big business, and it is about time that government started to make sure that the proper funds are allocated to students," said Ayana Burke, a sophomore majoring in business management. According to Secretary of Education Richard W. Riley, the president's budget is aimed at ensuring access to postsecondary education for about 7 million students. The Department of Education will expand the Direct Student Loan program from 5 percent to 40 percent of the overall student loan volume. The department has been working effectively to implement the new direct lending, which will simplify student loan delivery, provide new flexible repayment

options and significantly reduce the cost of federal student loans to taxpayers. Riley pointed out that in order for student aid programs to improve, additional staff must be hired to strengthen financial management and postsecondary institutions must be monitored. Riley also explained that when he came to the Department of Education one year ago, he discovered that there was a \$2 billion shortfall in the Pell Grant funding. "I am happy to report that in 1995 they will not only pay off the entire estimated remaining shortfall, but they will be able to raise the maximum award by \$100 to \$2,400," Riley said. Riley said the Department of Education is asking for a \$100 million increase in funding for the Work-Study program. "This will provide an additional 116,000 awards and will support increased opportunities for college students to perform community service," Riley said.



Photo by Dion Anderson

"Old man winter" takes vacation on the East Coast

By Ealena Callender
and Linda Jones
Hilltop Staff Writers

From Boston to Tennessee, severe winter storms wreaked havoc on most of the East Coast last weekend. Thousands of people were left without electricity, slippery roads and walkways caused numerous injuries and air travel came to a halt. By last Saturday night, about 3 inches of sleet and snow had accumulated in Washington, D.C. According to the National Weather Service, cities in South Central Pennsylvania got up to 9 inches. The storm even reached as far south as Tennessee and South Carolina, which experienced a large area of icing. Terry Williams, a senior accounting major from

Philadelphia, said his hometown is accustomed to heavy snows. He said the city is not usually quick to close schools, but icy conditions last weekend caused many closings. Senior Public Relations major Yvette Watson said she spent a large part of her Sunday morning digging her car out of the ice. Although she does not remember a time when her hometown of Laurens, S.C., got more than 5 inches of snow, Watson said "it was no big deal, you do what you have to do to get where you have to go." But many found that there was nothing they could do to battle the road conditions. A severe shortage of salt and sand that plagued the entire East Coast, due to previous winter storms, left many areas with icy, dangerous roads. And treacherous driving conditions

have been blamed for several auto accidents and deaths. On Feb. 14, several thousand residents in Tennessee were still left without electricity. Maryland, Mississippi, Virginia and West Virginia were also dealing with power shortages. Hospitals were busy with injuries from car accidents and falls on ice. In ice storms, the emergency rooms see people coming in with concussions and fractures from falls, according to Melanie Adams, a spokesperson for Greater Southeast Hospital. But Adams said that compared to previous storms, there seemed to be less traffic in the emergency room. "I don't know if people have more traction... or since this is so severe, maybe it's scaring people into staying inside their homes," she said.

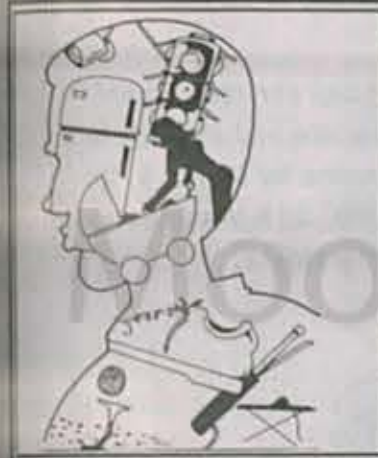
Efforts made by relief agencies aid victims of California earthquake

By Robinson Cook
Hilltop Staff Writer

Victims of the Southern California earthquake that hit Jan. 17 are currently on their way to recovery with the help of the Federal Emergency Management Association (FEMA) and the American Red Cross. The earthquake measured 6.5 on the Richter scale and caused 57 deaths and over 9,000 injuries. Both agencies have distributed well over \$125 million in aid to the more than 300,000 disaster victims. In addition, they will receive \$3 billion from President Clinton's \$8.6 billion Disaster Aid Bill. The money from the bill will be used to help stabilize residents of the hardest hit counties: Los Angeles, Ventura, Orange and some parts of San Bernardino County. Damage costs are estimated between \$13 billion to \$20 billion, making it one of the costliest natural disasters in the country since Hurricane Hugo. The first few nights after the quake, more than 55,000 people were left homeless-- sleeping in

tent cities, parks and gymnasiums. "Many of them were simply afraid to go back into their homes in fearing another big aftershock," said David Knickerson, a spokesperson for the American Red Cross. "But now that the aftershocks have begun to wane, many have decided to move back into the comfort of their homes." Since the relief effort began, the number of homeless people or those living in temporary shelters or has fallen to 22,000. Some \$33 million in food stamps has been issued and \$55 million in small business loans have been approved. A key factor in southern California's recovery is the quick response of the relief agencies. Of the 55,000 residents whose homes have been completely destroyed or damaged, an estimated 21,500 have returned to their property or have found other living accommodations as a result of monetary housing vouchers issued by FEMA and the Red Cross. Overall, the Red Cross has distributed more than 100,000 housing checks because of its effectiveness in turning around

paper work within a two- to three-day period. The vouchers include a promissory note from the federal government to pay the holder's first month of rent for a house or apartment. The value of the voucher, which may range from \$200 - \$1,800, is based on the amount of damage to the individual's home. FEMA determines the severity of each victim's loss through individual home assessments. "Unlike Florida, this time we were pro-active. Within hours of the earthquake, people from the regional FEMA office in San Francisco were down in the Los Angeles area organizing the relief effort and informing the people of where to go to receive aid," said Dave Martin, a spokesperson for FEMA. Neither of the relief agencies operating in California have an explicit date by which they plan to exit the disaster area because is no real way of gauging the number of people that will come into the offices within the coming weeks.



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Work of late transplant surgery pioneer lives on

Dr. Samuel L. Kountz's dedication to humanity, achievements in medicine have been inspiration to many

By Tasha M. White
Hilltop Staff Writer

Although many people don't know his name, many lives have been changed through the work of Dr. Samuel L. Kountz. Kountz was a medical pioneer who helped open doors for today's black doctors and saved many lives by educating people about the need for organ transplants. Kountz was one of the most important figures in transplant surgery. Kountz obtained his medical degree from the University of Arkansas. But it was not until his fellowship with Dr. W.J. Dempster in London that he took interest in transplant surgery. After returning from London, Kountz established a successful clinical transplant program at the University of California at San Francisco.

He also established another successful transportation clinic at the Downstate Medical Center in Brooklyn, New York. His transplant Center in Brooklyn was said to be a world class state of the art transplant center. Although Kountz is known for his skill and leadership in transplant surgery, he is also known as a dedicated humanist. Dr. Kountz traveled to South Africa to visit clinics in Durban, Johannesburg and Zuland Game Parks. He spoke at medical schools throughout South Africa and tried to speak with students, nurses, technicians and residents of each town he visited. In 1972, Kountz made it possible for transplant recipients to participate in a session of the Fourth International Congress of the Transplantation Society. Their participation offered a unique perspective on transplantation that had never been formally

heard. Kountz died in 1981 at age 51 after a four-year battle with malignant hypertension. Despite his early death, his legacy as a transplant surgeon lives on through those he taught and those he treated. In 1985 the First International Symposium on Renal Failure and Transplantation in Blacks was dedicated to his memory. Later, the International Symposium on Renal Failure and Transplantation in Blacks was renamed The Samuel Kountz International Symposium. Thirteen years after his death Dr. Samuel Kountz legacy lives on. With the hard work and dedication of Dr. Clive Callender the Director of Transplant Surgery at Howard University Hospital, the NMA and other organizations have given priority to organ/tissue donation and transplantation.

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INTERNATIONAL

South Africa Day conference urges American political leaders to give development support

Donwale Elison
Hilltop Staff Writer

The Rev. Jesse L. Jackson, U.S. senator for the District of Columbia, admonished registered attendees who do not vote in national elections of their "hypocritical" intention in wanting to see South Africa to observe the free elections there April 27. Jackson was one of several speakers at last Thursday's South Africa Day conference held at the Cramton Auditorium. Mayor Pratt Kelly also delivered a message supporting the day and encouraging district residents to vote the same. The conference was "South Africa: On the Road to Daybreak."

"Free D.C. and free South Africa. The empowering of one is the strengthening of the other," said Jackson, stressing that statehood for the District would give shadow residents the right to vote, possibly



Pondering issues on the Road of Youth are: (left) Desnel Leaf-Camp, former president of the African Students Association; Terri Wade, president of HUSA; and Oronde Miller, of the South Africa Committee at the Cramton Auditorium on Thursday.

strengthening South Africa voting relations with Congress. He reminded the audience that it was through the Congressional Black Caucus' efforts that the United States policy became more consistent with the struggle there for freedom.

Jackson emphasized that after South Africa's open elections, the country will need skilled people and professionals such as doctors, nurses, engineers and teachers to help with its development.

His comments came after Dr. Robert Cummins, chairman of the Department of African Studies and master of ceremonies, disclosed that Howard, along with other distinguished organizations and individuals, was invited to observe the South Africa elections and will be taking a contingent from April to May.

But keynote speaker Neo Moikongo, deputy head for the Office of the National Chairman of

the African National Congress, cautioned that those going to observe the elections should be capable of "grave political judgement" and be persons "whose hearts are in the right places."

The diplomat said South Africans would feel much better to know that many of their American brothers and sisters came to see whether the elections were conducted freely.

Moikongo told a diverse audience of Howard students, staff, faculty and Banneker High School students that attainment of a black freely-elected government was not the end of the struggle, but rather, a more difficult phase will ensue post-elections. Whereas elections in many countries signal democracy, he said, in South Africa they mean "another battle in which the forces of freedom will engage the forces of oppression."

He said even though the victory will open tremendous possibilities,

South Africans must overcome the socio-economic legacy of apartheid, which has millions of blacks living in poverty and illiteracy.

Moikongo, in acknowledging Howard University's supportive role in assisting South Africans in acquiring business skills, said there is a need to make money available to assist South Africans with acquiring other skills.

The opening ceremony was also addressed by Terri Wade, president of the Howard University Student Association; Dr. Franklin G. Jenifer, president of Howard University; Dr. Joyce Ladner, vice-president of Academic Affairs; and Howard Pan African Messengers.

A series of panel discussions was organized about the topics "Role of Youth and Students," "Education and Culture in South Africa," "Political Transition" and "Reconstruction/Reinvestment in South Africa."

Nelson Mandela Speaks" receives high praises

Jodie Harris
Hilltop Staff Writer

The recently published speeches of Nelson Mandela received high praise as an "essential document" for people engaged in the struggle against injustice and racism.

For this reason, according to Mthembu, assistant to the representative of the African National Congress, the collection of speeches titled "Nelson Mandela Speaks: Forging a Democratic, Nonracial South Africa" should be read for those interested in the struggle.

"This book is an essential document... not only for students of South African politics, but for anyone who is concerned with the struggle for those oppressed, facing injustice, and bigotry the world over. It provides an insight into Mandela's thinking," he said.

His remarks, along with those of other speakers, were at the Feb. 10 launching of the book, which is a collection of Mandela's speeches since his 1990 release from prison. The event took place at the Armour J. Blackburn University Center Gallery Lounge. The book was part of the Howard University South Africa Day celebration aimed at creating greater awareness of the issues leading to the elections on April 27 and the challenges. Several of

the guests included diplomats from many frontline countries of Africa.

Pathfinders Bookstore and various departments, along with many student organizations, sponsored the program, beginning with a reception. Pathfinder Press published the book.

"This book is a landmark, a groundbreaking for the new world we are building. This book can be called a classical reference book for all students engaged in studying modern history," said Roger Desair, of the Anglican Center of Haiti.

Desair also stressed that there is a universal commonality in the struggle for equality. "The struggle going on in South Africa is the same everywhere there is injustice, treading on human dignity and disrespect of basic human rights... My final wish is that the coming elections in South Africa will not be overruled by the dying system the way it happened in Haiti," he said.

Other speakers noted the victory the South African people are experiencing against apartheid, most importantly the upcoming free elections. They agreed that a greater challenge faced South Africa and the ANC upon winning the government, namely transforming the country into a democratic nation.

"Having not participated in government before, having not been able to make decisions or occupy positions of authority, we will have to prepare ourselves to govern the country," Mthembu said.



Addressing the Nelson Mandela book launching is Rhonda Williams of Tampa University at the Blackburn Gallery Lounge last Thursday.

Some speakers also drew parallels between the struggle for freedom in their countries and the struggle in South Africa.

Abdellatif Rayan, of the Palestine Affairs Center, said Palestine shared a kinship with South Africa, and he equated apartheid to the Israeli military occupation in Palestine. He also reminded the audience that both countries are experiencing victory over oppression.

"We are witnessing the birth of our new Palestine at the same time the ANC accomplishments have turned the situation in South Africa for the benefit of the majority. South Africa will have its first free elections, and the same will happen in my homeland Palestine hopefully in the coming months," he said.

Book with Mandela's speeches promoted on South Africa Day

By Gloria McField
Hilltop Staff Writer

Howard University's South Africa Day was celebrated Feb. 10 with the launching of a book collection of speeches by famed African National Congress leader, Nelson Mandela, at the Armour J. Blackburn University Center.

In support of the event, President Franklin G. Jenifer applauded Pathfinder Press and Pathfinder Bookstore for the timely publication of "Nelson Mandela Speaks: Forging a Democratic, Nonracial South Africa." In his statement, Jenifer said the book "provides keen insights into the movement to dismantle the barriers of apartheid and build a democratic, nonracial South Africa."

Jenifer added, "It is especially appropriate, I might add, that this celebration of the publication of 'Nelson Mandela Speaks' be held at Howard University, an institution known throughout the world for its tradition of committed black intellectualism and activism in the cause of justice; an institution with a strong global outlook and a

heritage of educating young women and men from throughout the African Diaspora; and an institution founded on the premise that education is the key to liberation."

The theme of the



Dr. Franklyn G. Jenifer

commemoration, "South Africa on the Brink of Daybreak," was based on a recent speech by Nelson Mandela on the 82nd anniversary of the African National Congress' founding.

Haitian crisis challenges U.S. Caribbean policy

Front Line



Bourne Watson

During the Cold War, the United States opposed social democratic movements in Haiti that were against the authoritarian tendencies of U.S. imperialism. The U.S. felt that the overthrow of the Duvalier regime prior to the end of the Cold War would provide leverage to shape the future in Haiti. But Washington counted on the popular support of the downtrodden Haitian people to fight for a social democratic solution to the Haitian crisis. How did the U.S. anticipate the role of the U.S.S.R. and how would it respond to the end of anti-communism as a foreign policy principle.

Now, as U.S. allies and clients seek to assert their relative independence from Washington on issues of important matters like trade and human rights, the U.S. faces a single hegemony, which makes it difficult to find a consensus common to the end of the Cold War.

The role of international bodies like the United Nations and the Organization of American States in the Haitian crisis have also limited

Washington's ability to treat the Haitian crisis as a problem within the framework of the Monroe Doctrine: i.e. belonging in America's backyard. The move by the O.A.S. to specify the importance of Civil Society relative to the state in considering a strategy for Latin America's development in the post-Cold War era adds strength to the radical democratic forces in Haiti who understand the limited appeals of traditional liberalism to the Haitian masses; this partly explains why their support for Jean Bertrand-Aristide is based on the adoption of a social democratic strategy. However, as Alex Dupuy, a Haitian sociologist, has argued, there has been a concerted effort by the U.S. via the Agency for International Development and the World Bank to block chances for a social democratic solution to the Haitian crisis.

The significance of the problems facing Haiti lies in how political outcomes there might affect perceptions of Haiti in other parts of Latin America and the Caribbean where the social features and effects of structural adjustment have assumed the form of purgatory for the masses without any end in sight. U.S. ambivalence toward Aristide may be explained against the backdrop of liberalism and the celebration of market forces based on the strategy to restructure society and class relations according to a neo-conservative agenda at the global level.

Aristide is seen as a potentially dangerous factor who combines a radical redistributionist program with radical theology that is capable of shaking people's faith in traditional concepts of the relationship between state, church and the individual.

In effect, the structural crisis in Haiti raises questions about the relationship between liberal and communitarian concepts of justice

and prospects for any form of capitalist democracy in Haiti. The general disposition of the Haitian masses toward the state is evidence of their skepticism about liberalism and of the ruling class' attitude toward them: the state in Haiti is seen by the masses as a distinctly negative force. Whereas in the liberal image of God and the state, there have been a number of mutually reinforcing political symbols — God as having dominion and the paternalistic welfare God, as argued by David Nicholls in "Deity and Domination" (1994) — the masses of Haitians see the state as a terrorist institution from which they must recoil and hide for their safety.

There is hardly a notion of the state as a beneficent welfare institution. The struggle by the popular masses to restructure their society toward the ends of realizing political and civil rights of citizenship has to be understood in this context, for they know that the aims of the terrorist state are at variance with the struggle for the autonomy of the civil society in both the private and public sense.

The state in Haiti and the ruling class in whose primary interest it rules see the potential realization of popular power by the masses of propertyless people as a threat to the culture of negative freedom on which their security has been based. The state and the ruling class see the Haitian masses in classic terms — such as lacking the education, civility, sophistication and other means to participate fully in citizenship, hence the crisis in Haiti masks the strategy of dominant interests to deny the development of civil society toward autonomy.

Aristide's strategy, if allowed to take root, could have a potential impact in heightening popular interest in revolutionary democracy in the region. Revolutionary democracy rests on the idea of

participatory democracy that is anathema to liberalism in its moral and ethical premises. This is a challenge that the neo-liberal project of global capitalism is designed to confront and neutralize. U.S. foreign policy toward Haiti is conscious of this and the U.S. finds itself in an ambivalent position relative to the restoration of Aristide to power in Haiti.

The challenge to U.S. foreign policy toward Haiti is a challenge to liberalism now and in the future. In the Haitian crisis, the U.S. may have found one of the most severe tests to the principles it cherishes and which may prove less than adequate to the challenges of the post-Cold War era. What the U.S. prefers is a military that is capable of being reformed to act in consonance with the aims of civil society in an "open" capitalist system. The challenges of globalization set new parameters for the nation-state system as a historical construct.

The difficulty of dealing with the Haitian problem points to the crisis of the nation-state model and demands new strategies that may continue to be thwarted by the cultural constraints and dominant class interests that abide well under the status quo in Haiti.

The final part of a two-part article that started last week. Extracted from a larger paper — "U.S. Foreign Policy Toward Haiti," it was presented at the conference "The Role of Ethics in U.S. Foreign Policy" at Howard University on Jan. 27. The conference was sponsored by the International Affairs Center, the Department of Philosophy and the School of Divinity. Watson is a professor in the Department of Political Science.

A Glance Around the World

By Gloria McField
Hilltop Staff Writer

Haiti
Port-au-Prince — Haiti's fuel shortage problems increased Feb. 12 when an explosion wiped out the country's center for contraband gasoline and diesel. Warehouses, stores, a hotel and two loaded fuel trucks were also destroyed. The cause of the blast has not been determined. Fire fighters exterminated the fire, and police reported no casualties. The explosion along the Rue de Cesar in downtown Port-au-Prince destroyed tens of thousands of gallons of contraband fuel stored in the warehouses in drums, plastic containers and jugs. This latest loss further agitates the severe fuel shortage in Haiti, which has resulted from a U.N. fuel embargo reimposed in October to force military leaders, who overthrew President Jean-Bertrand Aristide in September 1991, to allow the return of the deposed president. (Associated Press)

Norway
Oslo — Undeterred by video surveillance, two thieves broke into the National Gallery in central Oslo Feb. 12 and removed one of the world's most famous paintings, "The Scream," by Edvard Munch. With the Winter Olympics in Lillehammer approaching, there is the possibility that the theft could be a stunt for extortion. According to Knut Berg, the National Gallery's director, it would be impossible to sell the priceless painting. (Reuters)

St. Vincent and the Grenadines
Kingstown — Prime Minister James Mitchell of the New Democratic Party in St. Vincent and the Grenadines is basing his party's platform on its achievements over the past five years as it seeks a new mandate in the Feb. 21 general elections. Both the NDP and the opposition alliance headed by Vincent Beach are concentrating on domestic issues and not on the subregional question of Windward Islands political unity. (Caribbean News Agency)

Grenada and Caracou
St. Georges — The Grenada government, headed by Nicholas Brathwaite, has cited unemployment and drug abuse as his country's two greatest concerns. Also, Grenada's official celebration at Queen's Park to mark the 20th anniversary of Independence on Feb. 7 was cut short when the public address system failed. (Caribbean News Agency)

Jamaica
Kingston — Another major customs racket has been uncovered by Jamaica's Revenue Protection Division surrounding millions of dollars of goods that have been smuggled into the country with false documentation on such electronic equipment as appliances and satellite receivers. According to the acting head of RPD, Mike Seary, several large companies and individuals are now under investigation.

In late January, the RPD also uncovered four more ties in the multi-million dollar transportation racket. Sixty-five top-of-the-line motor cars have been recovered in the scam estimated to have cost the Jamaican government more than \$14 million in customs' duty. (Caribbean News Agency)

Barbados
Bridgetown — Two British brothers appeared before a Barbados court Feb. 7 on charges of indecent exposure while performing before a capacity audience of 400 screaming women. The men, appearing before Magistrate Carlyle Greaves, pleaded guilty to parading with their penises exposed at a night spot. In a mitigation plea their defense lawyer argued that all the women who attended were over the age of 18, were not forced to attend and had paid an admission fee. Noting that the maximum penalty was a five dollar fine, or alternatively 14 days in prison, Magistrate Greaves convicted, reprimanded and discharged the men. His parting words to them, "The next time you want to discharge the anxiety of women, try it in another country." (Caribbean News Agency)

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Candidates discuss platforms at speakout

ernational student surcharge.

Undergraduate Trustee candidate Oronde Miller agreed voicing student concerns such as the University's government surcharge on international students, is a job requirement for any Undergraduate Trustee.

"I have talked to several students on campus including our international students who have the extra burden of a surcharge as they study at Howard University," Miller said. "They all want the surcharge to be lifted, but they think it would be more feasible and realistic to have that money redirected back to them."

As a solution to the surcharge

problem, HUSA candidates Reginald X and McDougald plan to carry on the HUSA scholarship for international students implemented by this year's "Resolution for Change" administration.

"Many students simply don't know what the international student surcharge is," Reginald X said. "Nneka and myself understand the ramifications of the surcharge and plan to continue the HUSA Scholarship offered by the administration of Terri Wade and myself."

Reginald X and McDougald said they plan to continue and improve on several of the programs instituted under the passing administration, despite claims that Wade's recent actions on behalf of campus vendors divided the stu-

dent body.

"Put yourself in Terri's shoes. This sister wasn't getting paid, had her law school chances threatened, and still chose to stand up and fight for students' concerns," Reginald X said. "Ironically, the students she risked everything to take a stand for are the same one's that are criticizing her. But I've got her back!"

Talib Karim, the only one of three graduate trustee candidates to attend the speak out, made his opening remarks and left after briefly adding to the discussion of the University's financial aid operations.

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Random Random Thoughts

BLACK HISTORY HIGHLIGHTS

Science and technology is the theme of The HILLTOP for this week. African-Americans have been making strides in this arena even before we crossed the waters and entered this country. However, many of our inventors who developed mechanisms that have improved the quality of life, have been virtually nameless and have been given little credit. Nevertheless, our strides in the industry of science and technology continue. And with engineers like Gary Harris and Michael Spencer conducting detailed research of the silicon chip and its uses, the discoveries in science and technology will undoubtedly continue.

ON THIS DATE IN BLACK HISTORY...

In 1688, the Quakers of Germantown, Pa. made the first formal protest against slavery in colonial America.

A HAIR RAISING DISCOVERY

A study of nearly 600,000 women who were followed for seven years indicates that those who used permanent hair dyes had no greater risk of dying from cancer than women who did not color their hair.

The study noted that about one-third of American women dye their hair, mostly to brown or blond shades. Researchers found that even long-term use of permanent dyes—10 years or more—did not increase cancer death risks.

However, there appeared to be some risk of developing cancer among the fewer than one percent of women who used black shades for 20 years or more. The darker the dye the greater the concentration of potentially cancer-causing chemicals, the study said.

The study, conducted by Michael J. Thun and colleagues at the American Cancer Society and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, was published in a recent issue of the Journal of the National Cancer Institute.

from The Washington Post

TO EACH HIS OWN

"The adults in my life told me I could do anything if I was determined and resourceful...I was expected to be ambitious because there was an intrinsic pleasure in excelling, not because I had to prove anything to whites."

Eric V. Copage

ON THE BATTLE WITH BATTLE

"Kathleen Battle's unprofessional actions during rehearsals...were profoundly detrimental to the artistic collaboration among all the cast members, which is such an essential component of the rehearsal process," Joseph Volpe, general manager of The Metropolitan Opera, said. "I could not allow the quality of the performance to be jeopardized. I have taken this step (firing Kathleen Battle) to insure that everyone involved in the production will be able to rehearse and perform in an atmosphere that makes it possible for them to perform at their best."

—from The Washington Post

Inventors and Their Inventions

By Natalie Y. Tellis
Hilltop Staff Writer

Revolutionary black inventors... the phrase is almost synonymous with the names George Washington Carver for his work with the peanut and the soybean in agriculture, and Charles Drew for his life saving research in the field of blood plasma prevention. Overlooked are the dozens of other black contributors to the fields of science, agriculture and technological advancements.

According to Robert C. Hayden, who is author of three books on black inventors and inventions, there are a number of outstanding black inventors of the 19th and 20th centuries. By 1913, it was estimated that as many as one thousand inventions were patented by black Americans.

This week in honor of Black History Month, Tempo highlights the unsung or unknown black inventors:

JAN E. MATZELIGER is the inventor of the lasting machine which revolutionized the shoe making industry. It was patented on March 20, 1883.

ELIJAH MCCOY invented an automatic lubrication device for steam engines.

LEWIS LATIMER, born in Chelsea, Massachusetts, in 1848, studied electrical engineering and draftsmanship. He is the inventor of an inexpensive cotton-thread filament, which made electric light practical for homes.

MEREDITH GOURDINE, a pioneer in energy conversion, is the inventor of many products and processes based on the use of electrogas dynamics.

LEWIS TEMPLE, a blacksmith, lived in New Bedford, Massachusetts from 1830-1854. In 1926, Clifford Ashley wrote, "It is safe to say that the 'Temple Toggle' was the most important single invention in the whole history of whaling." He invented a moveable harpoon head, which revolutionized the whaling industry.

G.F. GRANT, a dentist who graduated from Harvard Dental School, in 1870, was the Dental school's first black instructor. He was renowned for his dental bridgework. He also patented the golf tee in 1899.

SARAH BOONE devised a narrow wooden board with padded covering with collapsible leg support and called it an ironing board.

OTIS BOYKIN invented the control unit in artificial heart stimulators, and an electrical device used in all guided missiles and IBM computers.

H.C. HAYNES, who held a job as a barber in the south, founded a company that manufactured razor straps.

As stated in Blacks in Science, which was edited by Ivan Van Sertima, "Inventors who were black are first and foremost products of their unusual American experiences as black people. From the outset, as people, they were regarded as being 'different,' and their subsequent treatment was contingent almost solely upon this condition."

Snipes' Sugar Hill : a New Jack City with a conscience



By Melinda Spaulding
Hilltop Staff Writer

The setting is Harlem. The mood is solemn. The issues are compelling. And the star is Wesley Snipes.

Wesley Snipes? Yes, Wesley Snipes is back with yet another film and perhaps his most dramatic effort to date.

"Sugar Hill," the latest release by Twentieth Century Fox, is a powerful saga about redemption and love. The film centers around the price two brothers are forced to pay to fulfill their destinies in a high stakes game for control of the streets.

The two brothers are Romello and Raynathan Skuggs; Snipes and Michael Wright, respectively.

In an interview with The HILLTOP, Producer Rudy Langlais explained that "the movie is about emotion and

love. It's about tragedy and love and tragedy is moving and effective. The tragedy that the main character Romello faces is one of recalling a childhood filled with drug trafficking by his father and drug-abuse by his mother. He then realizes that he, as an adult, has become a tool of the drug trade himself," Langlais said.

"Sugar Hill" depicts the mind-set of Romello, the younger, yet wiser brother, illustrating how he arrived at the point of being a drug lord. Another New Jack City? Well, both movies share a commonality: they both glamorize the "benefits" of drug dealing. The two ruling brothers of Harlem, Romello and Raynathan, wear Armani and Versace suits, live in Penthouse apartments, and can have any woman they want. Romello is shown inside of his Jaguar more than any other setting.

But unlike some of recent drug-related movies, "Sugar Hill" is somewhat different. It's New Jack City with a conscience.

"I think we've had enough of those 'nigga in the hood' type of movies," said the very opinionated Snipes in a recent HILLTOP interview.

There is an effort by the makers of this film and its actors to show a different side of the drug-dealing business. The movie shows the emotional side of the main characters and how they feel about themselves and what they are doing to their community. In fact, the main portion of this effort deals with Romello's decision to walk away from the life he knows for the promise of a new one with his love interest, Melissa, played by actress Theresa Randle.

The nature of Romello and Melissa's relationship pinpoints yet another reason why "Sugar Hill" is not the typical drug-dealing movie. The movie does not glorify the sexual relationship of the two; in fact, there is no love scene whatsoever.

According to Snipes, "we did shoot one, but the directors edited it out. (They) didn't feel it was needed." What they did keep is a tasteful courtship and the portrayal of a woman who takes a stand against her boyfriend's lifestyle.

However, violence does run rampant in "Sugar Hill" and the amount of it may be disheartening to some, but enticing to others. The violence is depicted in a graphic nature like other films of its kind. And that is exactly what the people responsible for "Sugar Hill" wanted.

"Hopefully it (the message) will get through," Langlais said.

The opportunity to do something dramatic was a welcome change for Snipes whose last few efforts have been action films. How did he prepare for this film?

"I keep a library of emotions and experiences. I like the character, he's struggling. My best films are the ones that get down to the nitty gritty," Snipes added.

Snipes said he's happy with his latest project. He rates this performance as an A++.

"I think Sugar Hill is a good lesson for the young people who might be watching," Snipes said. He said this story typ-



PEOPLE

Former C&P head takes the helm of NPR

Delano Lewis to become first black to head nation's leading public radio station



Delano Lewis, President National Public Radio

By Ramonica Rice
Hilltop Staff Writer

Giving up a position as president and chief executive officer of Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone Company to become the first black president and chief executive officer of National Public Radio, the nation's leading public radio station, may seem quite unusual to some, but for Delano Lewis it was yet another conquered challenge.

Lewis said he desired to make a different kind of contribution to society. When he received the call from an executive search firm to serve as president and CEO of NPR, he thought about the opportunity and last month made a

decision to change careers.

"I had been with the telephone company for twenty or so years and as I was approaching age 55 a couple years ago, I started thinking maybe it was time for a change in careers," Lewis said.

Programs such as "Morning Edition" and "All Things Considered" gave Lewis the opportunity to progress in another realm of the communications industry.

One might wonder why anyone would want to leave a telephone communications empire, where there are day-to-day breakthroughs in technology? Lewis modestly said that he felt it was time to play a new game.

"It was a real personal decision. I had over 10 years in the federal government and over 20 years in business. I really wanted to do something else, contribute in a different way to society and to the community," Lewis said. "This [position at NPR] came along and it sounded good and the more I felt about it, the more excited I became."

For Lewis, there are a few differences between the radio and telephone industries. So far, Lewis is managing less employees at the radio station than he did at C&P—the telephone company's staff was 3000, whereas at NPR it is 400. He also explained that the telephone industry is a profit making business, whereas, NPR is a non-profit radio station. However, some things have remained the same.

"We are still about the business of getting things done... motivating people and reaching goals and objectives," Lewis said.

Lewis plans to expand the station's audience into other ethnic communities by developing more creative and cultural programs. Currently, NPR's format provides the world with news, talk and cultural programming. The majority of the station's listeners are middle- to upper-income white males.

"It's a fairly narrow slice of America, but that doesn't mean that it should be that way," Lewis said.

"Wade in the Water," a new cultural program, is an illustration of how African-American gospel music and songs have evolved. According to Lewis, "Wade in the Water" presents an understanding of how hymns, quartets and contemporary gospel describe the struggles, trials and tribulations of black people."

While growing up in Arkansas City, Kansas and later Kansas City, Kansas, Lewis loved performing dramatizations and tap dances, as well as listening to music; however, his thoughts and dreams were always about lending a helping hand. Now is his opportunity to combine the two dreams.

"Most of my dreams were about the business of helping people. I

grew up in the 50s and I was concerned about segregation, discrimination, and civil rights," he said.

These dreams motivated Lewis to attend law school at Washburn School of Law in 1963, so that he could contribute to the Civil Rights Movement. Lewis earned his bachelor's degree in political science and history from the University of Kansas in 1960.

However, Lewis' dreams of practicing law in the courtroom were temporarily interrupted when he fell in love and married his college sweetheart while in law school. Lewis has been married for 33 years and has four sons.

After law school, Lewis was appointed attorney for the U.S. Department of Justice and moved with his family to Washington, D.C.

"I've always had use of the political system and government as being important to changing things and making life better for African Americans and others," Lewis said.

Lewis has held other positions with government agencies—he spent three years in Africa as associate director in Nigeria and country director in Uganda.

As a firm advocate for rebuilding the black community, Lewis had plenty of role models to steer him in the direction of being who he is today. Many of his role models were school teachers, his high school principal and even his band teacher. He also said that many of his mentors were his brothers in the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. He stressed that he "had a lot of strong male role models."

Lewis emphasized that many of the problems plaguing black youth come from not having sufficient guidance and direction. He has developed two theories which he believes are answers to this crisis affecting the black community.

"You can't expect the schools to do it all. You're going to have to have a coordinative effort with the schools—from families, churches, the business community and the government in terms of employment opportunities," Lewis said. "We need to develop indigenous leadership... I think we

need to stay in our own communities and sort of build the leadership from within," he continued.

Lewis said that black college students must take their degrees and education back into their communities and train their younger brothers and sisters.

"I encourage you [college students] to think about returning home, I think that that's what's going to turn that [problems] around...let young people see that black on black crime is destroying us, we've got to be productive," Lewis declared.

Lewis has many awards to show for his efforts. His most recent was an honorary doctorate of humane

letters from Bowie State University for his community leadership service.

Lewis is an active member in many civic and public organizations. He is the former president of groups such as Cultural Alliance of Washington, Friendship House and the Urban Planning Organization, and served on the board of trustees of area schools, hospitals and other non-profit organizations.

VITAL STATISTICS

Name: Delano Lewis

Age: 55

Hometown:
Kansas City, Kansas

Profession:
President, National Public Radio

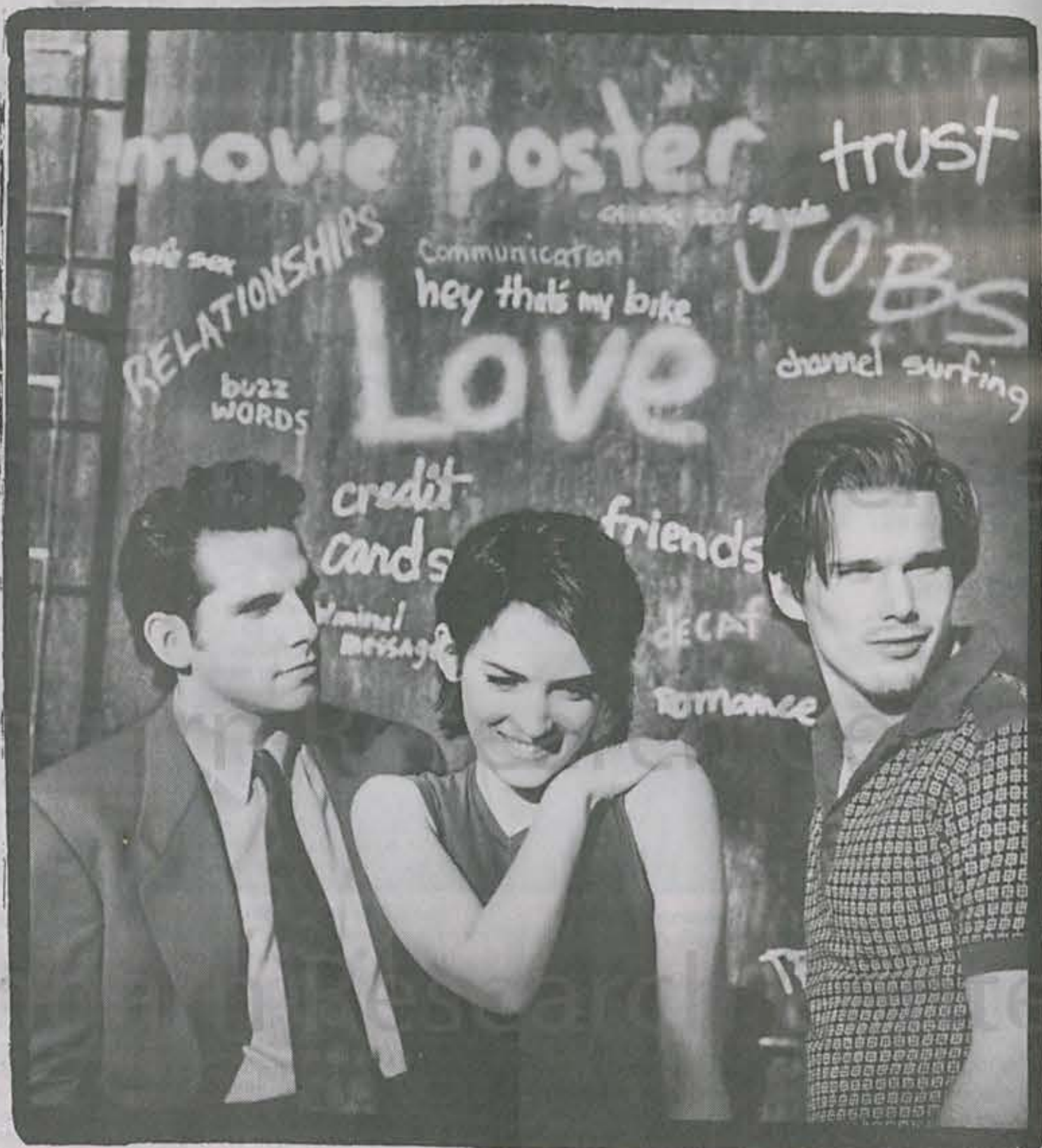
Words of Wisdom:

"The sky is the limit...With hard work and perseverance and belief in oneself, you can achieve. It's nothing magic about it, I tel my own sons, there are no shortcuts to success."

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PULSE

Phat jam gets the hook

Amesa Howell
Staff Writer

After standing in the sleet for more than half an hour on Feb. 8, the doors of Cramton finally opened to hundreds of people who hoped to see a funny show.

However, the Phat Black College Comedy Jam Tour, sponsored by University Records, was a disappointment to some who braved the inclement weather to see comedians Joe Torry, Joe Clair and DJ Biz Markie.

According to Jason Mascoc, a sophomore majoring in business management, the show left much to be desired.

"The show was long and Joe Clair and Joe Torry didn't do their best performances," Mascoc said. "The show was only worth a \$1."

Kareem, a sophomore majoring in Chemistry, agreed. "The show was excellent and Joe Torry and Joe Clair did a great job," he said. "The show started 45 minutes late, but Biz Markie was unable to perform."

According to Clair, who hosted the show, Biz Markie got in a car accident after he tried to drive to the Washington, D.C. from New York on snow-covered highways. However, other guests were able to make despite the weather.

Wearing baggy jeans with rips, and oversized green pants and his hat to the back, Joe Clair of the show started with a local jokes.

"D.C. is the only place you can get chicken mambo sauce," he said.

But this "tame" humor didn't last for long. Within minutes, the crass, yet honest humor overflowed.

"F--- those who don't like being black," he yelled at the audience. The crowd responded with a wave of applause.

Of course Clair did the anticipated comedy routine of tripping on the stairs and sistas in the front row sending shout-outs to the native New Yorkers and Washingtonians. He also sister from the audience called "Springfield, Massachusetts."

Clair easily carried her to the curb. Next on the performance list was R&B recording artists Legacy. The member group of 16-year-olds

males failed to keep the audience's attention. They definitely did not do justice to Jodeci's hit "Cry for You."

The audience burst into laughter throughout the song. One girl sitting in the fifth row from the back literally fell on the floor when the group tried to imitate Jodeci.

Brady White, a School of Communication alumnus, agreed that Legacy's style could use some changes.

"Legacy is doing too much imitation of Jodeci," White said. "The brothers have talent."

he was using died. Fifteen minutes later, it was on to Torry.

Now maybe it was jet lag, but Torry wasn't having a "I'm so funny I can easily replace Martin Lawrence on Russell Simmons' Def Comedy Jam" night. Some of his jokes were repetitive and he didn't keep the crowd rollin'. However, he did crack a couple of good ones on some well-known celebrities.

"When Snoop changed to a Doberman in his video (What's My Name?), I didn't see where he changed any," Torry said.

Torry also gained some support from females in the audience when he said he needed to find a committed woman.

All audience sympathy disappeared when R&B group 7669 hit the stage wearing their "scuba suits." Suddenly Cramton became "Showtime at the Apollo" as everyone hoped the Sandman would make a guest appearance.

That one performance was the catalyst for a large number of students leaving Cramton.

Many people didn't even stay to hear Zhane because they didn't think they would make an appearance.

Zhane did eventually take the stage, and for those who stayed, it was well worth the wait. Their well-tuned voices captivated the audience. Their jazzy undertones and smooth sounds are sure to catch them a large following.

Although the first stop on the tour was plagued by mechanical problems, University Records Vice-President Darnell Dinkins said improvements will be made in future shows.

"We will be making improvements in the sound because the sound was less than quality at the show," Dinkins said.

Dinkins added that the event was extremely successful and all the artists were impressed with the audience turnout considering the bad weather.

Future stops for the Phat Black College Comedy Jam Tour include Morgan State, Virginia State, the University of the District of Columbia, Norfolk and Hampton Universities, North Carolina A&T, Winston-Salem, and the Atlanta University Center which includes colleges such as Clark and Spelman.



Singing duo Zhane



Comedian Joe Torry

ate off the inside like it was your bonus treat," Donnell said through his laughter.

Next came the a capella sounds of Pure Soul. These four women gained audience support with their smooth voices. However, they made a big mistake when they asked the auditorium full of Howard students not to clap off-beat like their last audience. Pure Soul just invited every person in Cramton to purposely mess up.

After Clair returned to the stage, his hilarious routine on making love was cut short when the microphone

Howard production chronicles life, love of Paul Lawrence Dunbar

Richard A. Chiles
Special to the Hilltop

The Howard University Drama Department opens 1994 with a poetic reflection of one of our most poignant literary voices.

"Oak and Ivy" chronicles the courtship and marriage of Negro laureate Paul Lawrence Dunbar, and poet Alice Ruth Moore, from 1897 through 1902.

Written by Kathleen McGhee-Anderson, the play is beautifully crafted around the poetry of both Dunbar and Moore. Through the poet's own words, McGhee-Anderson's drama brings to life the passion and the presence which gave birth to Dunbar's and Moore's eloquence.

More than simply presenting the poet's words, "Oak and Ivy" captures process and principle. In her work, the playwright depicts a powerful Dunbar behind his own mask.

This visionary man is poised magically between the haunting laughing of the minstrel, and the face of the artist who wants to simply be unbound by the stereotypes which force him to be Negro. In his poetry and presence, Dunbar wrestles with the constraints and expectations of race prejudice from both the white and black community.

Blooming below Dunbar's majestic oak, Alice's own sense of identity lies delicately like ivy. At times coiling itself lovingly around her husband, she is content to support his craft. But her writing patiently waits for it's chance to reach up into the heavens and feel it's own leaves blowing in the wind. Alice simply ask each of us, "why must the dreams of women be so different than those of the men they love?"

As an actor and director, theater arts department Chairman Al Freeman Jr. brings years of television, film and stage experience to this production. The production's innovative blocking juxtaposes many of the character's opposing wills and voices directly across from one another. The staging places the audience inside of the characters' dilemmas, while effectively maintaining a very quick pace.

Freeman's direction is soundly anchored in the performances of Antonio Charity and Stephanie Mello in the lead roles of Paul Lawrence Dunbar and Alice Ruth Moore. Charity's Dunbar displays great depth in it's balance between the jovial down home Dunbar and the polished refined continental laureate. Mello's presence dances

gracefully across the stage. She is well poised and exciting to watch. With a simple smile, she adds a pouting beauty to a woman who is as self-defined by her intellect as she is by her independence.

Senior acting major Paris Davis, makes a convincing debut in "Oak and Ivy." The Columbia College transfer plays the role of "Ma Dunbar" in a voice that is as old as Dunbar's pain. Also notable are Donerick Rainy and Alexandria Boone. Rounding out the cast, underclassmen Derrick Sanders, Traci N. Thomas and Reginald Nelson ensure a promising future for Howard theater.

"Oak and Ivy" takes on many difficult challenges that shape our visions of African-Americans as humans and as living human lives. This production handles the challenges beautifully, and once again showcases the Howard talent which the rest of the world will have to look forward to calling stars.

"Oak and Ivy" will run until Feb. 26 at the College of Fine Arts Environmental Theater Space, 6th and Fairmont Sts., N.W. For information call the College of Fine Arts at (202) 806-7050.

Sweet Sweet Sweet Sweet Sweet
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Our Sour Sou

Dear Spice,
I need a man's point of view for my problem. My boyfriend is trying to get back with me. The reason we broke up is because he paid no attention to me and played on me. Now he says that he loves me. I didn't believe him at first because I thought that he was just trying to sleep with me again, but he didn't say it until after we did have sex again. Should I believe him?
—Confused

Dear Confused,
Before I say "hell no," you need to ask yourself two things. First of all, is he giving you any more attention than the first time? Second, do you trust him? If either of those answers are "no," then he's a dog that should have been killed as a puppy. The reason he waited until after he had sex with you to say that he loves you was to hook you. Do yourself a favor and don't get played again.
Now, if the answers were "yes," then you should trust him enough to work out the relationship. Before I leave you, let me ask you this: Are you true to the game?
—Spice

Dear Sweet-n-Sour,
I want to break up with my boyfriend, but I haven't done so yet because he is undergoing a lot of family problems right now. I really love him, but I realize that there is no future for us. My career plans will take me to a different state after I graduate this spring, and his career plans do not in any way coincide with mine for the future. I don't want to hurt "Melvin," but I am really tired of him, and I want to explore other options before I graduate. What should I do?
—Help

Dear Help,
If you feel that strongly about the situation, you should do both of you a favor and just end the relationship. If your heart is not in it, "Melvin" will definitely notice, and that would probably create more problems in the long run. You should, however, let him know that you will be there for him throughout his personal crisis. This is the time when the two of you should utilize the friendship basis of your relationship. And you can both be free to explore other romantic options.
—Sweet

Dear Help,
Do not put yourself through any misery just because "Melvin" is having personal problems. I don't know if this characterizes "Melvin," but some people are so needy that they always have personal crises to keep them from moving forward in life. It's nice that you care for "Melvin," and I'm sure he would appreciate your support. But you can support him as a friend rather than as a significant other who is significantly disinterested in the relationship. Besides, this is your last semester at Howard, so don't waste time in a relationship that is going nowhere. Judging from the letters I get, there are enough women on this campus doing that, and most of them are holding the short end of the dysfunctional relationship stick.
—Sour

The views expressed in this column do not necessarily reflect the views of The Hilltop. If you have any questions for Sweet-n-Sour or for Spice, bring your letter to The Hilltop, 2251 Sherman Ave., N.W., or leave your letter in The Hilltop mailbox in the Office of Student Activities.

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SPORTS

Bison win with new starting line-up

Monica M. Lewis
Staff Writer

At least for now, Butch Beard is the coach. The three-pointer by the junior guard, who was three of five from three-point land, brought the Bison within four at 17-13.

The Bison shot rather well from the three-point line at 50 percent.

Junior forward Sean Turley, who had a game-high 19 points, connected on two long-distance jumpers. Brown was second in scoring for the Bison with 13 points and a career-best 10 rebounds. Other Bison scoring in double figures were junior forward Art Crowder, with 16 points, and junior center G r a d y Livingston, who had 10 points and a game-high 13 rebounds.

"It was a good team effort all the way around," said Beard of the team's performance. However, the

coach added that it is not the type of effort that will win a ball game come March. "Maybe it will be something to build on."

Beard offered words of praise for seldom-used guard Reggie Blackmon, who started his first game for Howard. The sophomore had seven points on the night, but stepped up dramatically, with a three-point jumper that gave the Bison a 38-35 lead with a little over a minute left in the first half.

"I thought that Reggie stepped up and played well for us," Beard said. "We needed that from somebody. He gave us some nice minutes and did some good things for us. I am now looking at the situation that if people continue to do good and work hard in practice,

they'll play."

The second half was all Howard, although FAMU made it interesting late in the game with a fine showing from senior center Joey McGrear, who led the Rattlers with 17 points.

"McGreary always plays well against us," Beard said.

Two McGrear free throws with 6:29 left in the game, brought the Rattlers within two at 61-59, but that would be as close as FAMU would get, as the Bison pulled away late in the half.

The Burr Gymnasium crowd of nearly 2,000 were brought to their feet several times thanks in part to some slam dunks by Livingston, but the crowd livened up a little more when Livingston, after putting in another dunk off of a rebound, became entwined with FAMU's Kevin Colson. The two fell to the floor and shoves were exchanged. Both were assessed with technical fouls.

The men are currently on a three-game road trip. Their next home contest will be Thursday, when they host the Hornets of Delaware State University. The Bison lost a tough one-point game to the Hornets last month in Dover. According to Beard, every game from here on out is "ultra, ultra-big."

"If they play hard, they'll win the majority of their games," Beard said. "We have to learn to play a



#14 Reggie Blackmon in action Monday night against FAMU.

Lady Bison move into second place in MEAC

Monica M. Lewis
Staff Writer

The band was there. The fans were there. The most important, the winning attitude the Lady Bison was in full effect, as they moved over the Lady Rattlers by the score of 79-74 earlier this week to move into second place in the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference.

"I thought that we played well," said head coach Sanya Tyler. "In games like this, the character of your team really shows." Monday night's victory could have been called the "Annette Lee Show," as the senior forward scored a game-high 32 points, including 21 in the second half. Her point total was her best this season. "I was pumped up before the game," Lee said. "I came in with the confidence that we were going to win. We had a game plan and executed it."

With the win, the Lady Bison (11-11 overall, 9-3 in the MEAC) moved into a tie for second place in the MEAC with just four conference games left on their schedule. The Lady Rattlers of FAMU also are 9-3 conference record, but are 14-8 overall. The Lady Bulldogs of South Carolina State University sit atop the conference with a 10-1 record.

Tyler and team members agree that all winning games are important, especially in the MEAC tournament less than a month away. Also, since the National Collegiate Athletic Association decided to expand the women's tournament next year to a field of 64 teams, for the first



Denique Graves (#00) uses her height to her advantage at against her S.C. State opponents.

time in history the winner of the MEAC will receive an automatic bid.

"I think that we need every game to get a good position in the tournament," Lee said. "Hopefully, we'll be able to win the MEAC."

Defensively, the Lady Bison were on, holding the Lady Rattlers to under 500 shooting on the night. By the end of the first half, the Lady Bison had a 12 point 37-25 advantage over FAMU and never looked back. Although the Lady Rattlers did pose a comeback attempt late in the second half, the Lady Bison, with the help of 13 points by Lee in just seven minutes, did not let up.

"They rattled our cages, but we were able to withstand them," Tyler said.

Freshman Denique Graves used her dominating height to her advantage as she collected 20 points and 13 rebounds. The 6'5" center dominated the smaller FAMU frontline, scoring 14 points and collecting nine first half rebounds much to the liking of the crowd of a little over 1,000.

"I'm glad more people came out, but the more people that show up, the more nervous I get," Graves said.

Tomorrow, the Lady Bison travel to Greensboro, N.C., where they'll face the Lady Aggies of North Carolina A&T. They will also play South Carolina State on Monday, before returning home next Thursday to host the Lady Hornets of Delaware State.

"There's no love lost between us and A&T," Tyler said. "But, every game counts."

Indoor track teams find success at George Mason, prepare for MEAC championships

Tarik El-Bashir
Staff Writer

This past Sunday, the Howard University men's indoor track teams traveled to George Mason University for the second time in a season for a meet intended to fine-tune the team for the upcoming Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference championships.

The George Mason University Winter Nationals featured some of the areas top track programs. Once again, the young Howard track teams were very competitive collectively and showed some impressive individual performances, according to head track coach William Moultrie.

"This weekend was a bright spot of our indoor season," Moultrie said.

Several Bison relay teams finished strong, as the men's 4 X 800-meter relay team of

Damion Rowe, Phil McKenzie, Joel Bounds and Eric Campbell. The men finished with a time of 7:52. The men's 4 X 400 meter improved on their impressive previous mark by a few hundredths of a second, finishing second with a

"This weekend was a bright spot of our indoor season."
Coach William Moultrie

time of 3:18.18. On the women's side, the 4 X 400-meter relay team finished with a time of 4:01.

In individual events, senior Terry Williamson, a member of the men's team, took first in the

400-meter run with a time of 49.91 seconds. Freshman Yameen Chestnut garnered a second place finish in the men's 500-meter run, finishing in 1:04. Rowe, a freshman, had another outstanding race in the 800-meter run, finishing third in 1:58. Senior Shawn Bell finished first in his event, the 200-meter sprint, with a time of 22.44.

For the women, freshman long jumper Sheena Ferguson placed fourth with a distance of 19'2.25".

Moultrie said that his team is gaining confidence and that he has high expectations of them for the future.

"I expect them to be very competitive at the MEAC championships," Moultrie said. At Hilltop press time, the MEAC indoor track championships were currently in progress.

Monica's Thoughts On...

Michael Jordan

Chicago is down by three to New York. The fans are restless. The tension is in the air. In what promises to be a game to be remembered, all eyes turn to Jordan. Yes, Michael Jordan. With the game on the line, Jordan steps up to the plate. He swings. It's going, going, GONE! A grand-slam home run!! Chicago wins!!!

Wait a minute! Jordan does what? I thought he was a BASKETBALL star. Well, he was, but now he's attempting to become, well, the Michael Jordan of baseball.

Last week, the retired Bull inked a deal with the farm team of the Chicago White Sox, fulfilling a dream that he shared with his late father James—to play baseball. Granted, Air Jordan (Or would he be called Base Jordan? How about Ground-ball Jordan?) is an excellent athlete who could probably excel at any sport, but isn't this the same man that said he retired to spend more time with his family?

Hold up, last time I checked, the baseball season lasted from March to late October. Unlike in the world of the NBA, baseball players have two or three-night game stands, so his Airness, would not be able to go home after a game and soak his toes in the bathroom. (Did y'all see that picture? How cute.)

Another problem I foresee is the fact that, in the Grapefruit League, players travel, not by USAir or Delta Airlines, but by Peter Pan or Greyhound. I'm talking bus here, people. These guys in the minors aren't able to drive their Porsches or Lamborghinis to the stadium. Heck, half of them probably can't even spell Lamborghini! I just can't see Jordan living the life of a regular tobacco chewing, crotch grabbing ball player!

In addition, Ron Fraser, one of baseball's most respected amateur coaches, said that Jordan might be better off sticking to his original retirement plans—playing golf. Who has the right to try and carry Michael Jordan? Someone who really knows the game, that's who.

Maybe Jordan was good when he was a youngster, but now at age 30, what does he have to prove? Jordan broke nearly every record in the NBA, what's next? Hitting 60 home runs in a game? Coming off the bench in the bottom of the seventh to bring the team to victory?

I'm not trying to be sarcastic, but I think Jordan should just stick to retirement and spend more time with his wife, two sons and that adorable baby girl, who won't be a baby for much longer. Jordan has millions, he has his health, he has a loving family and he still has a life ahead of him.

I guess the man is really addicted to the high of competition. How many people try to "Be Like Mike" and spend their lives caving into addictions and not cherishing what precious time they have with their loved ones? Too many, and I'd hate to see Jordan do the same. Maybe he'll be a success in baseball. Maybe not. We'll all have to wait and see. Whatever happens, somehow I believe that the "Jordan Rules" will always reign supreme.

Oh by the way, to the person who I talked to in the office, I put you in my "thoughts," so what's up?!!

Black History Month Sports Quiz

Ok, ok, ok. So maybe the last two weeks have been too easy. Well, try your luck this week! Do you know your sports history?

- 1) This African-American is the only male to win a college basketball championship in the 1970's, NBA championships in the 1980's and an Olympic gold medal in basketball in the 1990's. Name him.
- 2) In 1908, this male became the first African-American to win the World Heavyweight championship in boxing. Name him.
- 3) This African-American has the second-highest victory total among all NBA coaches, both active and inactive. Name him and the team he currently coaches.
- 4) This African-American was the "Original Slam Dunkster," winning the first Slam Dunk Contest in the 1970's. Name him.
- 5) This man was the quintessential pitcher of the Negro Leagues. Unfortunately, he never got to become a Major League star. Name him.

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HUSA needs volunteers for Environmental Task Force for more info. Contact Tom at 086-5572.

Attention All Californians: There will be a Cali Club Meeting on Tuesday, February 15 in the Blackburn Forum at 5:00 p.m.

Support the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. FMI, Call 202-667-9508

For those committed to community service, Groove Phi Groove S.F.I. will hold its pre-smoker on Saturday, Feb. 19, 1994, in the auditorium of th Undergraduate Library at 1:00 pm. All

interested men are welcome.

Japanese classes will be held 2/19/94 Rm. 417 School of Bus., 12-2pm, Sponsored by th International Business Society

The Real Black Thing For Those Who Want To Understand. Groove Phi Groove S.F.I. will be holding its pre-smoker on Saturday, February 19, 1994 at 1:00 p.m. All interested men are welcomed to attend.

WANNA MAKE A 4.0!!!! Come to Academic Excellence Day, Sat., Feb. 19 10am -3pm. School of Engineering Auditorium.

ATTENTION: Community Beatification Meeting. February 20. HUSA office 3pm.

HUSA: Support food & Clothing Drive. Boxes in local Dorms.

The Ladies of Alpha Chapter Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. present "HEAD UP CUZ WE DROPPIN SOME..." SUNDAY FEBRUARY 20, 1994 @ The Chamber of Sound a.k.a The Zoo \$5 to party - Drink Specials 1st @ Men Free.

Children's Hospital needs volunteers. Call HUSA Community Outreach Office.

Mentor Tutor's Needed. Weekdays 3-5pm. HUSA C.O.P 806-5570

Attention: Support Recycling Drive. Call HUSA Office for details. 806-5570.

Community Outreach Volunteers: Sign up in HUSA office-Blackburn Center.

Do you want Hip-Hop, Club, Soul, and R & B? Entertainment Industry Happy Hour ZEI Club, Feb. 18, 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Be there. Shuttle service available.

Spanish Club Meeting. February 23rd, 4:00. Rm 336 Locke Hall.

Toastrmstrs has moved to 142 Blackburn. Thurs. 6pm. For more info. Call 328-3109

Speak Out #3. Sunday, February 20, 1994, at Meridian Hill Hall at 6:30.

The 1994 Women to Women Conference is coming! Look for more info.

Toastrmasters has moved to UGL Lecture Room, Thursday, 6:00 p.m. For more info, call (202) 328-3109.

Howard Gospel Choir 25th Year Reunion. Saturday, April 16, 1994, 7:30 p.m. Cramton Auditorium, 6th & Fairmont Streets, NW, Washington, DC. For further information contact William Brawner at (202) 462-3655 or Jeffrey Waddy at (301) 593-1704.

The Bison Chapter of Groove Phi Groove S.F.I. will be holding its pre-smoker on Saturday, February 19, 1994 in th Undergraduate Library Auditorium at 1:00 PM. All interested men are welcome to attend.

Calling all broadcasters interested in working for a news program at WHBC on Sundays. Call Traci at 884-1105.

Wanted for Publication: Research articles; film/book reviews; critiques; content analysis; and any other type of creative writing. Must be Radio-TV-Film major. Deadline is February 25, 1994. Call Tammy at 884-1832.

Casting 9 males, 7 females, and 1 youngster for short film, "The Good Book." Send resume and/or head shot to: Ebusua Productions, c/o Stan Kang, 301 N. Jackson, Arlington, VA 22201. For crew work or more info call George at (703) 934-3841.

Power for Living Interactive Bible Study and Fellowship every Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. Sponsored by the Azusa Campus Ministries/ Church of God in Christ. The fire yet burns...

!!Management Majors wanted!!! To be trained to manage black owned beauty and barber supply store. Call today if you have retail experience. Ask for Cynthia Washington. (202) 667-0039. Sales people needed also for Salon Project, must have a car.

Howard University's Speech and Hearing Clinic, located in the School of Communications on the corner of Bryant & 4th Streets, offers FREE speech and hearing testing for all validated HU students. Contact Tami Williams at (202) 806-4048 for more information.

All Howard Poets interested in showcasing their talent in this year's Poetry Reading Extravaganza, Please submit your name and a sample of your work to the UGSA office, Blackburn Center, Room 110 by Feb. 11, 1994.

Attention All Majors: There will be an AIESEC meeting on Wednesday, February 23rd at 6:30 in th School of Business Student Lounge.

Coming Soon: 1994 H.U. Talent Showcase. All interested contestants & volunteers must attend meeting. Tuesday, February 15, 1994, 6:00 p.m.

Library Lecture Room
Music Student needed to write lead sheets using Midi and Music notation software. Must have a keen ear for melody and chord construction. Paid per song or per hour. Call Mr. Dawson at (202) 882-1447.

RAMADHAN IS HERE
The Muslim Students of Howard University invite the members of the community to the Iftar Dinners.

Dates: Friday, February 11, 1994
Friday, February 18, 1994
Friday, February 25, 1994
Friday, March 4, 1994
Friday, March 11, 1994
Time: 5:30pm

Location: Blackburn Center

HOWARD GOSPEL CHOIR

25TH YEAR REUNION

Saturday, April 16, 1994

7:30 p.m.

Cramton Auditorium

& Fairmont Street, N.W.

Washington, D.C.

For

Further Information:

(202) 462-3655-William Brawner

(301) 593-1704-Jeffery Waddy

Attention: All those interested in becoming involved in the community.

The Black Dollar Days Committee

needs volunteers to help plan for the 1994 Black Dollar Days extravaganza.

For more info please call 865-8047.

HOWARD STUDENTS interested in candidly discussing issues regarding

DEATH and DYING for a Graduate Study, Please call Jewel at (202) 884-1463.

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HELP WANTED

African-American women (18 and over)

are needed for a study of discoloration of the skin (dark spots) on face/forearms.

This test will compare the effectiveness of two fade cremes currently in use.

Participants will be evaluated by a board certified dermatologist and will be paid for participating.

Please call (202) 857-0383 for further details.

African-American Women (18 and over)

are needed for a study of the effectiveness of a facial moisturizer in alleviating dry skin.

Participants will be evaluated by a board certified dermatologist and will be paid for participating.

Please call (202) 857-0383 for further details.

Office worker needed for the New Amsterdam Apartments.

Must be able to effectively collect rent due.

Please call today at (202) 265-5359. Assist for Cynthia Washington.

Must be able to work mornings until the afternoon.

PROJECT ON DEMILITARIZATION AND DEMOCRACY

Media Assistant. Full Time. Duties: Correspond with reporter, editors and producers. Write and distribute press releases. Promote weekly radio show "Unconventional Wisdom". Assist in general administrative and fund-raising tasks. No experience necessary. Persons with foreign policy and journalism experience encouraged to apply. Deadline: February 24. Salary: 20K-30K depending on experience. Send resume and cover letter to Carol Lee, Project on Demilitarization and Democracy, 1601 Connecticut Avenue, NW Suite #302, Washington D.C. 20009

P/T mystery shoppers needed to evaluate retail clients.

Occasional work. \$6/hr + .25/mile. Good writing & observational skills. Must be over 21. Send handwritten coversheet to: CP, 213 W. River Road, Hooksett, New Hampshire 03106-2628 Dept. Q or fax 603-647-0900

The On-Site Inspection Agency is seeking persons interested in temporary employment for the summer.

For additional information/application please call (703) 742-4475 /4583

Job Fair Friday, February 18, 1994, 2:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Saturday, February 19, 1994 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. Various Positions Available for Spirit of Washington. Washington's premiere Harbor Cruise Line. Engage in fun and fulfilling work while cruising the scenic Potomac River.

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For information call 202-484-2320 ex. 632

Located on waterfront at Pier 4, 6th and Water Streets, S.W., Washington, D.C. Metro accessible. Take Green Line to Waterfront Stop.

Congressional Quarterly, weekly

report has part-time openings for two journalism Students to work two or three days a week to do some transcribing and typing, primarily Wed. Thurs., Fri. from 1:00pm and possibly some evenings on those days. Pay \$6 per hour. This may not be every week and applicants must be available on short notice. Call Bonnie Forrest (202) 887-8524

Important Notice: Exceptional Opportunity to earn money. Earn \$300 - \$600 per week part-time. Earn \$700 - \$1200 per week full-time (comm.) Contact: Arnold M. Jolivet II - (202) 965-9132

Math Tutor needed for 4th grader near campus. Must be honest, reliable and have transportation. Pay negotiable. (202) 232-2619 or (410) 720-0743.

CRUISE SHIPS HIRING - Earn up to \$2000+/mo. on Cruise Ships or Land-Tour companies. Summer & Full-Time employment available. No exp necessary. For info. Call 1-206-634-0468 ext. C5302

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57 Greentree Drive, Suite 307 Dover, DE 19901

International marketing company is looking for serious, entrepreneurial-minded students to work in PR or sales. **Base pay plus benefits!** Call 1-800-796-4LDI!

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Receptionist Part-time. The Prudential Realty Group, a national commercial real estate firm is seeking a bright, outgoing individual to share job responsibilities for our busy front desk. If you are articulate, efficient and enjoy people, we want to talk to you! This is a part time position with hours from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. EOE/M/F/H/V. Please send your resume to: Prudential Realty Group, Attn: L.S., 1200 K St., Suite 1000, Washington, DC 20005 or fax it to (202) 289-0282.

WRITERS WANTED Major film production company seeks new talent. Send us your sample screenplays. (310)551-2060.

Junior Urban Mentor Program Internship: If you are interested in helping, teaching and being a ment for inner city kids or recruiting other students to become mentors for inner city kids Call: Tom Briggs (202) 26509176

J.U.M.P. Hours: Tuesday & Thursday 3:00 - 5:45 One Saturday in the month.

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Pagers, Pagers, Pagers! All kinds, different colors! Rent or Own! Three months free! Call 202-508-1460

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Fairmont St. THREE (3) furnished rooms in house 1/2 block to campus. Each room has carpet, air conditioner, keyed locks. Den, Kitchen, washer/dryer. Utilities paid. Security deposit. Shen by appointment. Call Mrs. Thomas 301-464-2931.

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Northwest/Shaw: 2 Bedroom, renovated apartment, ww, yard, metro, convenient to Howard University. \$625.00 + security special. (202) 462-5106.

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